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'THE SHOW MUST GO ON!'

Vernon's pledge at the Pleasure Park

ABOVE: Vernon Studt is a familiar sight to people at Barry Island's Pleasure Park andwas supervising the rides over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

THE man who bought show-ground rides back to Barry Island, has pledged to continue providing entertainment until any new development takes place.

by TIM CHAPMAN

Over the last three years, Swansea-born Vernon Studt has breathed new life into the iconic Pleasure Park, but Vale councillors recently gave outline planning permission for apartments and an indoor leisure complex on the site.

Detailed plans will soon be submitted for council consideration, but Vernon declared: "Until the point comes when it is not viable to provide the rides, I will do my best to keep the Pleasure Park thriving."

Vernon's family is steeped in the fairground tradition of south Wales. "My great-great Uncle Jacob brought one of the first fairgrounds to the Island in the late 1800s.

"It's amazing to think that I'm operating at the same location all these years later."

On Good Friday, when The GEM caught up with him, Vernon had decided to forgo the excitement of using his executive box to watch his beloved Swansea take on Newcastle United because he wanted to supervise the Easter weekend at the Pleasure Park.

"Business has to come first," he insisted. "If the weather is good, Easter tends to be the biggest bank holiday because it is the first in the year."

The last few seasons have shown a steady progression as Vernon has taken advantage of greater space on the site.

"This is the third year that we've been here and I've now got it to the standard that I want. We've got nine major rides and 10 children's rides.

"I enjoy talking to the visitors and they are so appreciative of what we've achieved.

"Of course, people come from Cardiff and the valleys, but they also come from as far afield as the Midlands and London.

"There's no doubt that *Gavin and Stacey* helped put Barry Island on the map."

Running a fairground with top 'white-knuckle rides', along with the traditional carousels and dodgems is a time-consuming business, but Vernon's experience means he has been able to secure the commitment of 'showmen' from Stoke-on-Trent, Gloucester, Bolton, Newcastle and Wrexham on a sub-contract basis.

He may be able to rely on trusted colleagues in the industry, but there is one intangible that Vernon can't control.

"In this business, we are at the mercy of the weather. When the sun comes out, it makes all the difference."

The Easter weekend was hit and miss for Island traders with periods of sunshine, but also prolonged bouts of heavy rain.

However, they are a hardy bunch and will now be hoping for more of the good weather that Wales experienced two weeks ago.

Vernon accepts that there may be changes afoot at the Pleasure Park in the not-too-distant future, but pledged that until detailed plans are agreed: "The show must go on!"

BONNETS ON SHOW!

The Easter bonnet parade took place at All Saints Church-in-Wales Primary School – and there was a wide array of headwear on show! (SEE MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 8).

Bobbies will be on the beat, on their bicycles!

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

BOBBIES on the beat on bicycles are going to become a familiar sight in Barry, and one of their first tasks will be to accompany the Olympic flame on its journey through the town.

The local force has 10 bikes and officers are keen to get out and about among the community and not just rely on patrol cars.

According to local officers, 'Bobbies on bikes' can respond quickly to calls too – they've even been timed getting down to Barry Island from their Gladstone Road HQ in seven minutes!

Louise Edwards of Beespoke Cycles, which helped to supply bikes and provides servicing for them, told The GEM: "There is no doubt the police will be approachable to the community when they are out and about on them."

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LDP... it's just a 'developers' charter'

I AM glad to see from the latest edition of The GEM that you are now publishing letters critical of the council's Local Development Plan.

Further to the concerns raised by your readers, I wish to add that the Local Development Plan's proposed large development of some 345 houses in the south-east of Llantwit Major is actually on greenfield land that is, and always has been, part of the protected and nationally important Glamorgan Heritage Coast.

The LDP states that the site "adjoins" the Heritage Coast, but it only "adjoins" the Heritage Coast because the LDP itself has included the land within its new Llantwit Major town boundary, thereby summarily stripping the land of its protection and acquiring it for development!

Coun Ernest's letter (GEM, April 5) concerning the proposed developments in Lavernock mentions the "relatively easy to satisfy" tests that each candidate site for development must pass before inclusion in the LDP.

However, this site in Llantwit Major failed even these "easy" tests – the council's own sustainability appraisal report (part of the LDP process) concludes that the site's "positive scores…are significantly outweighed by the negatives identified" (*page 1712)*, and yet it has still been included in the LDP.

If the council can approve an unsustainable housing development on a greenfield site within the Glamorgan Heritage Coast, there is no area of land in the Vale, whatever level of protection it currently enjoys, that is safe from future development.

The LDP is truly a developers' charter.

It is to be hoped that the independent planning inspector, and (hopefully) a new council after the May election, will sort this mess out.

Paul Brindley,
Llantwit Major

'FocusBARRY is *not* a political party'

I WANT to comment on the allegation that Cemetery Approach is all that FocusBARRY has to offer (GEM letters, March 22).

Since January, when the political parties started to announce their u-turns on Cemetery Approach, there have been 13 related items in The GEM, just three of them were endorsed from FocusBARRY supporters.

I don't have all copies of The GEM, but since last August, FocusBARRY supporters have commented 27 times, on 16 different issues.

They include the LDP; dog mess; Link Road; Regeneration Board; Watchtower; Royal Hotel; Dow Corning; Barry Island footbridge; Councillor Ernest; leisure and community centres; White Farm, and the cinema. How many other groups have publicly commented to the same extent?

FocusBARRY offers a lot. We have a constitution and agreed values and principles. It is not the purpose of the group to promote single issues, but speakers have been invited to our meetings to outline their interests or campaigns.

FocusBARRY is not a political party and readers can expect a lot more mis-information along these lines during the coming election.

It's time the politicians in the Vale realised that there is more to life, and better ways of doing things, than obedience to a political party.

FocusBARRY is not standing for election, but we will be supporting, as best we can, some independent candidates.

Dennis Harkus
Chair, FocusBARRY

Barry Sports Centre – a priority, or not?

IT seems to me that even though the Conservatives control the Vale Council's purse strings, how they allocate the people's money remains a mystery.

Let's take the Barry Sports Centre refurbishment as an example of a worthwhile project: The last estimate to restore it so that it is fit for purpose was around £400,000. That is a lot of money, but it's only because it has been allowed to deteriorate for many years.

During those years, the Conservatives controlled the Vale Council's spending priorities for the vast majority of that time, so they cannot blame any other political party.

It is disgraceful that they have allowed this landmark building to fall into such decay that it now requires such a large sum to be spent.

I am reliably informed that more than 3,000 residents regularly rely on Barry Sports Centre to play their sports every week.

Whilst the funding required is significant, it would benefit all those Vale residents. So, should the council prioritise spending in a way that will benefit the largest number of ratepayers?

Should they make their priority those with the greatest need or not?

It appears to me that they do not and it is absolutely scandalous that they haven't.

I can't help wondering, what were the criteria for ignoring Barry Sports Centre.

I know that a feasibility study was undertaken some years ago looking into the possibility of building houses on the site; but this uncovered a restrictive covenant preserving the playing field status.

I understand that all playing fields were to be re-registered as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, but only the Butts has been re-registered, omitting the sports centre fields.

Will this have the effect of weakening the restrictive covenant?

Council politicians often spend money on popular community projects just before elections and Barry Sports Centre is one such project, important not just to the residents of Dyfan but to residents throughout the Vale.

I know that Dyfan ward has always been a political battleground and they have had four years to resolve this issue.

So come on, Coun Kemp, when can we expect to hear the long overdue announcement that you are going to pledge £400,000 to refurbish Barry Sports Centre?

Anthony G Powell
Barry

Marconi's link with Flat Holm

FLAT HOLM Island has a very important link with Marconi, as the world's first radio message over water was sent from the Island to Lavernock Point.

This year, close to the date of International Marconi Day and the anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, the Flat Holm Society presents a unique event – the true story of a young Welshman, who heard the distress call from the Titanic on his home-made radio; performed in song and story by storytellers Eirwen Malin and Phil Thomas.

There will also be a radio station set up especially for the evening and original photographic plates belonging to the young radio ham, for all attending to view.

This special event will take place on April 26, in the Council Chamber of County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff Bay. Tickets, £5 on the door - limited spaces.

The performance will start at 7.30pm, but the photographic plates can be viewed from 7pm onwards. All proceeds go to Flat Holm Society.

Glynis Parsons
Chair, Flat Holm Society

HISTORIC FIRST FOR BARRY!

THIS year, April 6 marked the 95th anniversary of the United States declaring war on Germany and the central powers during World War One.

On that day, sauerkraut was renamed 'liberty cabbage' and the war took 'sauerkraut' on a linguistic and military aspect.

Barry has a little footnote in its own history to go with this dramatic, and conflict-changing declaration, as our then small town in Wales was the first location in Europe where American troops landed en route to the Western Front.

One TV documentary of the period states that Liverpool was the first place of disembarkation, but as the famous photograph showing GIs lined up for inspection in Kings Square, Barry, shows, this is a calumny, or at least a historical mistake, made many years ago by the documentary film makers.

For proof of this, I cite Dr Jonathan Hicks of Barry, headteacher at St Cyres School, Penarth, who verified this account when I raised it with him recently.

After parading through Barry from the docks, and being municipally inspected by the mayor, the troops travelled by ship to Liverpool, where they were then filmed coming down the gangplank.

Another first for Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan!

Christopher Short,
Barry

'Have a care for those who have to clean up litter'

IS it fair that people are prepared to dump rubbish, furniture, etc without a care about whom it offends and for those who have to clear up their mess after them?

Attached is a photograph recently taken in a back lane and the Coldbrook Stream in Cadoc.

Can I put on record my thanks for the work the Vale Council officers and those from the Probation Service who clean up the mess from indiscriminating dumping that occurs in Cadoc ward and elsewhere in the Barry and the borough generally?

Without them carrying on this work, one can only imagine what the borough would look like. They do a tremendous job, without thanks and keep our communities as clean as they can.

I would urge everyone to use the excellent recycling sites and amenity sites to dump their rubbish, or call the council on 01446 700111 to arrange a free collection.

Coun Neil Moore,
Vale Council,
Labour councillor for Cadoc ward, Barry

'DON'T WRECK THE REC…'

I AM disgusted with the way the council has let litter accumulate in the region of the swings on the rec.

There is so much there it is difficult to see any green – it is white with litter. We're lucky the wind is not up, as the litter would have ended up all over Llantwit. A couple of weeks ago, you advertised for support of a litter pick on Llantwit beach. The rec is getting in the same state.

On second thoughts, it would be better to give the council the old toe treatment by publishing this letter.

Please stop the Rec turning into a wreck.

Robert Davies
Llantwit Major

LDP: Dinas Powys people are thanked

MAY I, through your newspaper, thank all those who attended our public meeting in Dinas Powys to discuss the Vale Council's Local Development Plan.

I should also like to thank all those who contributed to the consultation exercise, and delivered their representations to the council, regarding specifically the housing plans for the village. We now await the inpector's decision.

Coun Christopher Williams,
Chairman- Dinas Powys Community Council
(Elected member, democratic services Vale Council / Cyngor Bro Morgannwg)

'Happy birthday to Bro Radio'

AS chair of the Barry YMCA Hub board of management, I am very proud of everything both Bro Radio and YMCA have achieved over the last three years, working in partnership for the good of the community.

Our continued work in developing community radio, supporting young people and volunteers is going from strength-to-strength.

This partnership is now moving into its next phase and I am looking forward to all the exciting opportunities that will develop from it.

So Happy Birthday, Bro, congratulations on your work and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the years ahead.

A great community radio station for Barry and the Vale.

Chris Elmore
(Chair - Barry YMCA Hub Management Committee)

Safe to stop?

I HAVE noticed, over the last few days, that a bus stop has appeared at the junction of the A48 with the turning to Colwinston.

Considering that there are hatch markings at this point and, therefore, is an area to allow drivers to turn right, would this be considered commonsense and safe? In my opinion, I think not.

David Jones, Cowbridge

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 19)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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14 Sat	00.48	8.1	13.29	7.7
15 Sun	02.11	7.8	14.49	7.7
16 Mon	03.26	7.9	16.11	8.1
17 Tues	04.34	8.3	17.07	8.4
18 Wed	05.25	8.7	17.51	8.8
19 Thur	06.09	9.1	18.28	9.1

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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'Demolition of school buildings is premature'

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

COUNCILLORS in Dinas Powys say they are shocked that the St Cyres Annexe site buildings might be earmarked for demolition.

Work on the £48 million Penarth Learning Community scheme will start later this year, but it means the satellite location in Dinas will not be required.

However, local councillors claim the buildings may have a future purpose and that if knocked down taxpayers might be the losers.

Coun Val Hartrey told The GEM: "As councillors for Dinas Powys, we are appalled to hear that the school buildings on the site are to be demolished when the site has been vacated.

"The Local Deposit Plan (LDP) states any change of use has to first and foremost consider the potential of using the building for other community purposes. Why is this not happening in this case?

"As the Penarth Learning Community planning application has yet to be determined and the finance for the development is not dependent on the sale of the annexe site, the proposal to demolish the buildings is, to say the least, premature and irresponsible."

'SECURITY'

Coun Hartrey said the danger was that in the long term the taxpayer would be short changed.

"In the present economic climate, it seems unbelievable that it is proposed to demolish buildings that are in relatively good repair, although some upgrade is required.

"The cost of the original build to the taxpayer for educational purposes is being totally disregarded when responses to the draft plan will surely express an opinion that the site could be used for community uses such as lifelong learning classes, the use of the present sports pitches, a home for a church, or allotments. There are possibly other uses too."

Coun Hartrey said she believed that the rationale behind demolition was flawed, adding that a fear of vandalism was not a good enough reason to knock buildings down.

"We anticipate that health and safety reasons for the proposed action will be cited.

"We also appreciate that some form of security will be needed to safeguard the building after the site is vacated but the future use of the site has not yet been determined."

A spokeswoman for the Vale Council explained that the land and the buildings comprising the Dinas Powys site are currently owned by St Cyres Comprehensive School.

"The school has recently published a statutory notice to change its status from a foundation school to a community school.

"Should the Welsh Government agree the change of status, ownership of the land and buildings will transfer to the council and the future thereof will be subject to the usual decision making processes within the council."

The spokeswoman added: "Whilst it is likely that officers would recommend the demolition of the buildings, this will not be considered by cabinet members until such time that the council is in legal ownership of the site."

Safety concerns raised at Ysgol Sant Curig

ABOVE: Parents and councillors are concerned for children's safety.

PLAID CYMRU candidates for Buttrills ward in the Barry town centre, joined residents, parents and children in calling for safety measures outside Ysgol Sant Curig on the school's Buttrills Road entrance.

Dr Ian Johnson, Stephen Blakeman and Marilyn Brown met with parents to talk about the issue, after they received complaints about cars speeding on the hill, drivers ignoring children, and cars parking illegally around the school entrance.

Local resident and mother of two boys at Ysgol Sant Curig, Katrina Rudge, said: "At times, cars don't stop, even when we're walking across the zebra crossing at Buttrills Road to school."

Chair of Ysgol Sant Curig PTA, Jo Parry, added:

"Due to the fact that the school is set back from the road and that this is the main entrance for the nursery and reception children, clear and increased warning signs and road markings are needed.

"Buttrills Road is a long stretch with a number of large trees on the pavement which detract from the signs. More effective warning signs and road traffic calming measures need to be introduced."

Jumble sale

LLANCARFAN Community Hall will be hosting a top drawer jumble sale on Saturday April 14, with doors opening at 1.30pm.

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Where should a councillor carry out his litter picks?

KEITH LEWIS, the vice chairman of the Colcot Residents' Association, wrote to The GEM regarding our coverage of Coun Rob Curtis' litter picks at Barry beaches, and raised the issue of local litter problems in the town:

More than once a month, I read in your paper about Coun Curtis's efforts to clean up the West End beaches of Barry and his advice to tell us what to do with our recycling and rubbish in general.

This picture, taken in Merthyr Dyfan Lane on March 29 near the culvert and clearly showing a 'No Tipping' sign, is less than 50 yards from the councillor's own doorstep and clearly depicts an ongoing litter and fly tipping problem!

So could I suggest to Councillor Curtis that instead of spending his time publicising his monthly litter picking campaign at Barry's West End beaches, he concentrates on his own electoral ward of Gibbonsdown first!

Naturally, The GEM gave Coun Curtis the opportunity to respond:

In reply to the personal attack from Coun Keith Lewis, may I make the following points?:

The photograph was supplied by Coun Keith Lewis.

Firstly, the wonderful beaches around Barry are used and are well loved by the majority of local people, including the residents of the Colcot and Gibbonsdown.

I certainly make no apology for co-ordinating monthly litter beach picks with Friends of Barry Beaches.

This organisation has won awards from Keep Wales Tidy and I know that the majority of reasonable people in Barry appreciate the hard work of the many volunteers who turn up month after month.

In addition, I have previously organised litter picks on both the Colcot and Gibbonsdown estate but alas, with little success, and certainly with no help from Coun Keith Lewis.

He may, however, wish to come to the litter pick of the public areas of White Farm and Merthyr Dyfan Church which I have organised for this coming Sunday at 2pm!

Secondly, once aware of the fly-tipped rubbish at the culvert, I contacted the head of visible services at the council, Miles Punter, via e-mail on Sunday, March 11 and received a reply from him the next day confirming: "Work will be actioned this week". In fact, I was the one who had the "No Fly Tipping" signs erected at this site some years ago.

Thirdly, I have contacted the chairman of the Colcot Residents Board and she has confirmed to me in writing that Keith's letter was his own opinion and certainly not those of the Colcot Residents' Board. Both I and Coun Margaret Wilkinson have given our fullest help and support to the residents' board since it was set up just over a year ago.

Lastly, may I respectfully point out to Keith that he lives just two doors up from me and that as a town councillor he can also report incidences of fly-tipping or litter to the council himself!

GEM note: Mr Phil Beaman of the Vale Council confirmed Coun Curtis raised the matter of fly-tipping with the council on March 11 and it was removed on March 13. Subsequently, more rubbish was fly-tipped and that is due for removal on April 13.

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Police to get on their bikes!

ABOVE:
The Vale's Assembly Member Jane Hutt was keen to meet Inspector Chris Owen and his fellow police officers and discuss the benefits of local business support for the police.

'Win, win, win,' for businesses

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Louise added: "They are due to be used when the Olympic flame makes its way through Dinas Powys, along Cardiff Road into Barry and over to the Island on May 26."

Sergeant Miguel Sutcliffe, one of the police officers who will use the bikes, said there had already been an enthusiastic response from the public.

"There's been a positive reaction. People realise they can wave us down or shout out if they want a word.

"I work in the Castleland ward and the bike will enable me to get around quickly. I enjoy getting out on a bike more than going out in a car."

Small business benefits

The police are also pleased to have put business the way of local companies – Beespoke Cycles, and CEG Graphics, which helped with the branding. On Thursday April 5, Inspector Chris Owen went to thank the businesses, based at Palmerston Workshops, for their work.

The business link-up is an example of 'local procurement' in action.

Wales was highlighted favourably on BBC Radio 'File on Four' because of the Welsh Government's policies of including 'community benefits' in public sector contracts for goods and services.

The Vale's AM Jane Hutt explained: "This is a 'win, win, win,' for local business, the public and for the police force who look after our communities with skill and commitment to our safety.

"The public are reassured by seeing officers and PCSOs on their bikes in the community."

She added: 'They provide a good role model for young people and we are all delighted that these bikes have been purchased and will be maintained by the local Barry Beespoke bike business in Palmerston."

Flight Sgt Carl steps down as an Air Cadet

CADET Flight Sergeant Carl Chaplin (20) of 372 (Barry) Squadron has retired as an Air Cadet, after seven years and an action-packed career.

Flight Sergeant Carl Chaplin with Dr Peter Beck — Lord Lieutenant of south Glamorgan.

Carl's service with the Air Training Corps (ATC) has included flying in military aircraft, gliding, sport, shooting, hill walking, leadership courses, camping, attending summer camps at RAF stations and participating in the annual overseas visit to the battlefields and memorials of World War I in Belgium and France.

He has raised funds for the Royal Air Forces Association and numerous other organisations during his service. A highlight of Carl's career was successfully completing his Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition in Snowdonia last year.

Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton, Commanding Officer 372 Squadron, thanked and congratulated Carl on his seven years of dedicated service to the ATC, before presenting Carl with an engraved tankard on behalf of 372 Squadron.

Carl is now looking forward to being an instructor at 372 (Barry) Squadron – passing on his knowledge and wealth of experience for the benefit of future Cadets.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7pm-9.30pm, behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall). Contact 01446 747734 or email: oc.372@aircadets.org for more information.

Dinas Powys pupils enjoy a 'bread tour'

ABOVE:
Kian Quest (left) and Adam Cozens.

PUPILS at St Andrew's Major Church in Wales School enjoyed a field trip with a difference when they toured Brace's Bakery in Pen-y-Fan, Crumlin.

The day out was arranged by the family bakery in response to a letter from Adam Cozens, a pupil in year-4 at the Dinas Powys school.

Adam explained how his class was studying bread making, had conducted a survey on bread and that his classmate Kian Quest had previously won a colouring competition run by Brace's, which has been baking for 110 years.

Adam's class of 30 was given a tour of Brace's state-of-the-art bakery as well as fresh-off-the-line loaves and goodies to take home.

Year-4 teacher Geraint Walters said: "The whole class has found the visit superb.

" We were thoroughly fascinated by all the machinery involved in bread-making and hadn't really understood how big the machinery used in the baking process would be.

"It was a really insightful day out. Thank you Brace's," he added.

Aviation society's talk on space travel expert

AVIATION enthusiasts in the Vale are invited to a talk about one of America's key aircraft designers.

Burt Rutan started designing aeroplanes to build at home at the age of eight. Just over 60 years later – by the end of this year or the beginning of next – a pioneering flying machine called SpaceShipTwo, designed by Burt, is expected to be launched, carrying a crew of two, and six paying space-travellers.

It is costing the day-trippers $200,000 each, but when you are very rich it is worth it to fly at 2,500mph and up to 68 miles high to view the world from outer space and briefly experience life without gravity.

The first, SpaceShipOne, was launched in 2004. Number two had a waiting list of 400 would-be space-trippers long before it was ready.

Before the space ships, Rutan designed Voyager, the first aeroplane to fly round the world without having to refuel.

Mr David Ephraim will be speaking to members of Penarth Aviation Society about Rutan's work and iconic aircraft designs with illustrations on Friday April 13. Visitors are welcome.

Penarth Aviation Society meets in the Penarth Conservative Club at 7.45pm for 8pm.

For further information, telephone 01446 721321.

Independent standing for election

CHRISTOPHER SHORT will be standing as an independent candidate for Barry Town Council's Buttrills ward in the local elections on May 3.

He is a former Labour Vale councillor who left the Labour Party 12 years ago. Before that, he was three times selected as a parliamentary and/or European candidate. He is a consultant in European and international law, specialising in human

Holton Road pupils claim adventure certificates on trip

A wave from the red canoe team enjoying the kayaking!

PUPILS from Holton Primary School took part in a memorable educational venture holiday at Manor Adventure, Llanwrtyd Wells last week.

Centre staff led high-quality sessions that were designed to instil confidence and provide a real sense of achievement.

Activities included kayaking, orienteering, climbing, archery and most importantly, all pupils completed their 'Basic Skill Adventurous Activity Certificate' during their week's stay. AG

Easter eggs for hospice

Carole Cox with the Easter eggs she collected to donate to the Ty Hafan children s hospice.

Carole Cox at local funeral directors W A Brown and Son again collected Easter eggs for children.It was the seventh year the funeral home has collected eggs from people in and around Llantwit Major, and this year the eggs were taken to Ty Hafan, the children's hospice at Sully.

SOME PEOPLE DON'T DESERVE 'LOYAL FRIEND'

AFTER reading the story in last week's GEM concerning ill treatment of a dog in Romilly Park, I felt I should write to tell of a similar incident.

I also witnessed what seemed an act of cruelty at Romilly Park a while ago.

A man had children with him and was shouting very loudly at them, which drew my attention. His dog was a small terrier-type, who also wouldn't come when called.

When the man did catch hold of his dog, I heard a piercing yelp, which indicated that the animal had been walloped with force.

This obviously upset me and I thought at the time, what a stupid man! The dog will never come back if it is going to be treated in such a manner.

This man ought to be educated that such actions will not be rewarded with a loyal and faithful friend.

Susan Hall,
Barry.

New commodore at Barry Yacht Club

THE new commodore at Barry Yacht Club, Len Cattle, has been an active member for nearly 25 years and it is the second time he has held the position.

A family man, Len has lived in Barry all his life and his business, Cross Street Motors, celebrates its 30th year in July.

Looking ahead to his forthcoming year he said: "I enjoy both the sailing and also the social side of the club. I have always found the club members to be welcoming, friendly and always there to help when needed, and I would really like other people to come and experience that for themselves.

"I would like to see more boat owners joining, but also people who would like to join socially."

Barry Yacht Club is based at The Pier Head Docks on Barry Island. Further details can be found at: www.barryyachtclub.co.uk, or by calling 01446 735511.

SENIOR ADVICE

AN adviser on community charges and housing benefits will be at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, on Thursday, April 19, 10am to 12 noon, giving advice over a cup of tea or coffee. For further information, contact 01446 732385.

'SEWAGE OVERSPILL IS LIKE THE THIRD WORLD'

– SAYS BARRY RESIDENT

A woman who lives in Pontypridd Road claims a nearby drain bubbling sewage across the pavement and road makes the area look like something out of the Third World.

LEFT and BELOW: The sewage marking the pavement – Mrs Wakefield told The GEM that some people don't know what they are walking through.

Mrs Margaret Wakefield, who has lived in Pontypridd Road since 1977, told The GEM: "We back onto the 'vets' practice, which is in Salisbury Road, and the drain there keeps bubbling over with sewage.

"It is like Third World conditions. People walk through it – including school children – not realising what it is.

"My brother-in-law stepped in it the other day and came in the house."

Over three years ago, Mrs Wakefield raised the issue with water bosses and her concerns were featured in The GEM.

"Welsh Water said they knew about the problem and had to keep 'jetting' the drain down, but did not have the money to fix it at the time." She has also written to the chief executive of the company asking for the problem to be sorted out permanently.

Mrs Wakefield understands that the problem with the local drainage system is caused at Kathleen Street.

A spokesman for Welsh Water told The GEM that the company had sent down workers to clear up the sewage.

"We were alerted to reports of waste-water flooding in the Salisbury Road area of Barry on April 10.

"We dispatched an engineering team to deal with the situation and carry out a clean-up.

"Our investigation into the cause of the flooding is currently ongoing.

"We sympathise with local residents for any inconvenience this flooding has caused, and would like to take this opportunity to reassure them that we are working as quickly as we can to resolve the situation."

He added: "If anyone experiences wastewater flooding we would ask them to call our helpline immediately on 0800 085 3968."

Emergency partnership

ABOVE: Angela Campbell (left), DPVC's befriending coordinator and Irene Gannon, from Dinas Powys Wednesday Afternoon Club, and Julian Meredith of Barry Lions Club at the introduction of the message in a bottle scheme.

Volunteers back Lions' 'message in a bottle' scheme at Dinas Powys

DINAS POWYS Voluntary Concern (DPVC), in partnership with Barry Lions Club, is promoting the Lions' 'message in a bottle' scheme at Dinas Powys.

This enables people to keep their basic personal and medical details in a small container in a fridge – where the emergency services will expect to find it in the event of being called to the home.

The container will hold details of the person's full name, doctor and surgery details, brief details of medical conditions, allergies and allergic reactions to medication, location of medicines in the home, the details of two people who may be contacted in an emergency and details of any pets that may need care.

The emergency services will know that you have a bottle because there will be a label on the fridge and near the inside entrance to your home.

Angela Campbell, DPVC befriending coordinator, launched the scheme at the Wednesday Afternoon Club held at the Murchfield Community Hall in Dinas Powys.

Representatives from Barry Lions Club International explained the charitable work of Barry Lions Club before giving more than 70 members their bottles.

To find out more about the work of Barry Lions Club, or if you are interested in joining, contact them on 0845 833 6742.

If you are a resident of Dinas Powys and wish to have your own bottle, or know someone who would benefit from the scheme, contact Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern on 029 2051 3700, email: angela@dpvc-dinaspowys.com or visit the DPVC website: www.dpvc-dinaspowys.com to find out the ways in which DPVC helps the local community.

Ramblers trek back to an industrial past

TWELVE Penarth and District Ramblers were lured out to join Clive on an industrial tour of the area around Blaenavon, which grew up as part of the iron industry.

From part of the Iron Trail the group made their way to view Foxhunter, the famous show jumper's grave and memorial, which is on Blorenge.

Passing across Mynydd y Garn-fawr they crossed the Afon Lwyd before joining the River Usk at Caerleon, and passed through Cwm Afon to begin their ascent of Mynydd Varteg Fawr.

After lunch, they followed the contours onto Mynydd Coety, which overlooks the site of the Old Blaenavon Ironworks that opened in 1789.

Next to the ironworks, and originally known as Kearsley's Pit, stands Big Pit, which earned its name because of the large elliptical shaft measuring 18 by 13-feet, enough to accommodate two tramways, and over the years it had several industrial accidents, some of which proved fatal.

In the 1860s the new steelworks at Forgeside was completed and Coity Pond standing next to Big Pit was utilised in the management of supplying water to the steam engines at Forgeside.

The group passed the Dyne steel incline before taking a detour to the Pwll-du southern tunnel entrance where horse-drawn trams were originally used, before returning by track and meadow to their start, just in time to beat a shower of rain.

On April 15, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 7.5-mile moderate walk from Pen-y-Fan Country Park to Manmoel; contact Val H on 029 2051 3274.

On April 17, meet at 9.30am at Cogan for a 12.5-mile moderate circular walk from Chepstow to Brockweir in the Wye Valley; contact William on 01446 747239.

Membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

Joy Strangward

Barry Docks Park and Ride opened

THE Barry Docks Park and Ride car park was officially opened recently by representatives of the Vale Council, the Welsh Government and Sewta.

The free car park will provide vital additional parking space for rail users in the town centre.

The car park construction was financed with grant support from the Welsh Government via the South East Wales Transport Authorities.

At the official opening, attended by minister Carl Sargeant, Coun Jeff James, the cabinet member for planning and transportation, welcomed the new park and ride car park.

He said: "This scheme is a fine example of how working in partnership can improve the facilities for public transport users.

"I hope that, as part of a wider commitment to public transport, we will see yet further investment in infrastructure in the Vale."

Netball evening

WESTEND Ladies' netball team will be holding a fundraising evening at 7pm at the King William IV Pub (The Billy), Barry.

Money is being raised for Clic Sargent Cancer Charity and the netball club. Thee is a quiz night, raffle prizes, old auction followed by a disco; everyone welcome.

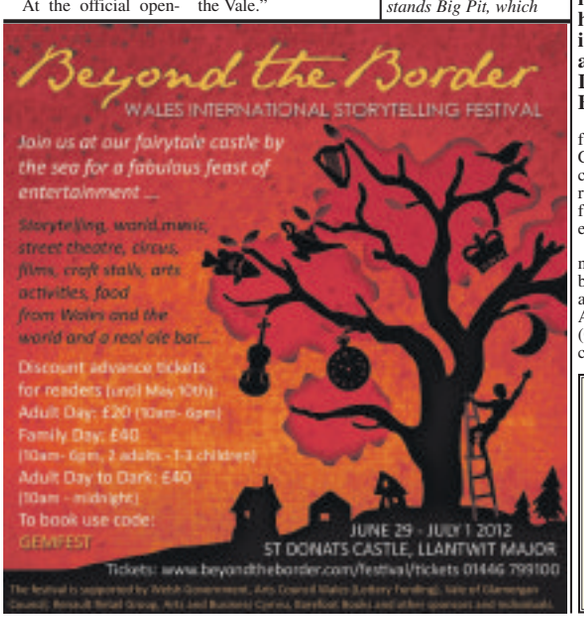
Any persons or businesses wishing to place a bid for the auction in advance please contact Angharad Jenkins (07974 224624) to discuss further.

Tories' choice for Buttrills

BUTTRILLS ward in Barry has recently selected Thomas Burley and Mike Harvey as their Conservative team to stand in the council elections.

Mr Burley said: "It's an honour and privilege to be selected to serve the residents of Buttrills, the beating heart of Barry."

"We want to offer Buttrills and Barry a refreshing way in thinking and delivering your local services," Mr Harvey stated.



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Emma T

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BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL LATEST NEWS ROUND-UP

'Extreme readers' push limits to raise cash for charities

Author Dan Anthony worked with pupils in small groups to explore characters, settings and plots.

AS part of World Book Day celebrations at Barry Comprehensive, the English department launched its annual 'extreme reading' competition.

The entries were numerous and varied as usual, but the winners were announced as Luke Corcoran 7 JEV for the pupils and Mr Dale Gamble for the staff.

More than £185 was raised by the year-7 classes who all took part in 'Readathon' as part of their independent learning last term.

The money raised will go back into further promotion of reading across the school.

Also, to celebrate World Book Day, the school held their first ever book swap. Pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 took part in the book swap, which was a great success.

Pupils were asked to bring in their unwanted reading books from home and exchange them for a book swap voucher.

On March 8, these vouchers were then swapped for books. The books ranged from titles such as, *Coping with Teachers* by Peter Corey to *Cirque Du Freak* by Darren Shan.

The book swap gave pupils a chance to revamp their reading collection. Aaron Leigh from 7LEA couldn't wait to start reading his 'new' book and commented: "This was a great idea!"

The staff were also encouraged to refresh their own reading material with a similar book swap, which ran in the staff room all week.

Extreme reader Mr Gamble in the middle of the Bristol Channel, in 25 knots of wind!

Author's workshop

DURING World Book Day, year-7 and 8 pupils attended a workshop run by Cardiff-born author, Dan Anthony.

During this term, many pupils have read his amusing book *Rugby Zombies.* Thanks to a grant towards the event from 'Wales Literature', which promotes Welsh authors, we were able to invite Dan Anthony to spend the whole day with us.

With a little imagination and a sense of humour, things that most year-7 and 8 pupils have in abundance, pupils were shown that even an ordinary, everyday event doesn't have to be boring.

Using simple techniques, the most mundane events can be transformed into entertaining situations worth reading and writing about.

Dan Anthony enabled pupils to let their imaginations run free and then captured their ideas using simple writing exercises.

Most obligingly, he spent his lunch time with a group of talented year-12 pupils, who quizzed him about writing as a career. **AC**

BERNARD IS THANKED FOR HIS 10 YEARS AT THE HELM

VALEPLUS, the Vale-based charity which provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability, recently held a presentation to mark the retirement of Mr Bernard Honeysett, the chairman of trustees for the past 10 years.

Fellow trustees and ValePlus members attended an afternoon tea to celebrate the contribution made by Bernard to the development of the charity.

AWARDS

Under his guidance, ValePlus has been recognised on a national level, winning many awards for its service provision.

ABOVE: Bernard and Vina Honeysett being presented with a gift and bouquet from Frank Ince and other members of the board of trustees.

He has led its expansion from a single training centre to the current provision of three centres and a shop.

Bernard has attended a large number of presentations, with more than 500 trainees having gained certification for their courses.

Melanie Carter, co-founder and director of ValePlus said:

"We wish Bernard well in his retirement and wish to record our heartfelt thanks for all his work over the years.

"He has put in a tremendous amount of time and effort in ensuring the success of ValePlus. and he can be very proud of his achievements."

Bernard said that he wished the charity all the best in the future and hoped it would continue with its success.

Easter proves a mixed tale of sunshine and showers

THE Easter Bank Holiday weekend began with a blaze of sunshine, but concluded on the Monday with torrential rain.

Barry Island's traders are a phlegmatic bunch and take the ups and downs of the weather in their stride as Marco Zeraschi of Marco's Cafe explained: "We started off on Good Friday with sunshine and things were encouraging. Saturday and Sunday were normal businesss days – nothing spectacular – but Monday was a nightmare because of the rain.

"It highlighted the need for indoor facilities when there is bad weather.

"In fairness, we had some great weather in the lead up to Easter, so it is a case of swings and roundabouts."

Marco said visitors should be assured that traders would be operating whatever the weather. "We are open every day apart from Christmas Day."

In High Street, Barry businesses ran competitions for children on the Saturday. At Butterflies there was an Easter bonnet competition and the Lush Cake Company encouraged youngsters to make a biscuit or cake with prizes for the winners.

A walk of witness took place in Barry on Good Friday led by the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan with local churches taking part.

Traditional Easter services were held across the Vale and Bridgend on Sunday, and some local communities, such as Llanmaes, held Easter egg hunts for the children.

Some people chose an Easter getaway.

Cardiff Airport welcomed approximately 15,000 passengers through its doors over the Easter period from April 5-10.

The most popular destination was Amsterdam, with travellers either spending a long weekend in the Dutch capital, or travelling onwards on connecting flights to worldwide destinations.

Sun spots such as the Canary Islands, Spain, Cyprus, Turkey, Egypt and Tunisia also attracted Welsh holidaymakers keen to enjoy some sun over the school holidays.

Spencer Birns of Cardiff Airport commented: "Easter signifies the start of the summer season for us, which is especially exciting this year as we've welcomed a new airline, Vueling to the airport, who will be operating flights to Barcelona, Alicante and Palma – as well as a new tour operator to Cardiff, Cosmos, who will be operating weekly services to Orlando from the end of May."

'Come to Hot Hustings'

AT a recent meeting of Barry&Vale Friends of the Earth, members agreed to ask candidates in the local elections of May 3 to attend 'Hot Hustings', in the Castle Hotel, Barry.

Candidates or their representatives will be asked to outline their solutions/opinions on the decline and pollution of our urban environments; the destruction of our green belts/countryside; and energy/waste/recycling and incinerators, with references to the Local Development Plan, which, when completed, will determine the future of the Vale for many years ahead.

"Possible dates were the April 17 or 24, and members and the public will be informed once a date has been agreed," said Keith Stockdale, Barry&Vale FoE co-ordinator.

CONCERT FOR AGE CONCERN

AGE CONCERN will be holding an afternoon of music and refreshments with Barry Ladies Choir on April 16, in Crossways Methodist Church.

The event will help raise funds for the refurbishment of the Age Concern Senior Health Shop in Barry, and the Friends & Neighbours' friendship group, who hold their monthly meetings at the shop. Doors are open from 1.30pm and the performance starts at 2pm.

Age Concern is inviting those who wish to attend to buy a ticket for just £3 (reductions available for group bookings).

Karen Steele
(Relationship development officer,
Age Concern Cardiff & the Vale).

Telephone: 02920 527 186, or visit www.age-concern-cardiff.org.uk

FAMILY INSPIRATION BEHIND CHARITY TREK TO ICELAND

RHOOSE WI met at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, on April 5, when the president welcomed everyone and the speakers for the evening were introduced.

John Lewis and Chris Price, volunteers and fundraisers with the British Heart Foundation, began their talk by giving some facts and figures about heart disease, the biggest killer in the UK with more than 82,000 deaths each year.

They then related what had made them join the British Heart Foundation.

As father and grandfather of a child suffering from heart disease, they told of the worry experienced by their family and how the BHF had supported them all during their child's illness and, thankfully, subsequent recovery.

This inspired them to try to help raise money so that others could benefit from the organisation. They joined a sponsored trek across Iceland, which involved five days walking over difficult terrain, and raised more than £43,000. Photographs of the stunning scenery helped to illustrate their account.

A vote of thanks for a most informative talk was given by Avril Phillips and a donation was made to the British Heart Foundation.

The president notified members about discussions all WIs will have in the next few months regarding proposed changes to the constitution.

Members were also informed about a number of forthcoming events. The competition winner was Elsa Jones and the winner of the raffle was Margaret Lloyd.

The next meeting of Rhoose WI will be on Tuesday May 1 at 7.30pm (the change of day caused by the local elections which will preclude a Thursday meeting).

Forthcoming events:

April 12 – lunch club at 12 noon at The Fontygary, Rhoose.
April 18 – Spring Council meeting at 10.45am at The Memorial Hall, Barry.
April 20 – skittles at 2pm at Rhoose Social Club and afterwards; coffee time.
June 2 – coffee morning at 10.30am at 79 Fontygary Road, Rhoose.
June 20 – educational trip to Stanway House. Every Tuesday at 11am – coffee and chat.

CAOS' Wild West!

AFTER a winter of rehearsing, CAOS are bringing a touch of the Wild West to the Vale this spring.

Their 2012 production is *Calamity Jane*, which re-creates the famous 1953 film starring Doris Day and Howard Keel.

It features all the famous songs in a family- friendly musical guaranteed to entertain.

The show runs from April 18-21 at 7.30pm at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

Tickets are now available from society members, Chris Williams Optometrist Llantwit Major, Davies Newsagents Cowbridge, and from 01446 773169.

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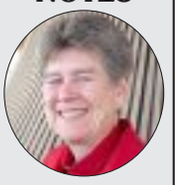
Spring a time of hope, challenges and opportunities

AS we enjoy the spring sunshine, interspersed with frost and chill winds, I take time to reflect that these climatic uncertainties are mirrored in forthcoming opportunities and challenges for the spring of 2012 in the Vale of Glamorgan and wider afield.

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Vale AM
JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

The sun was shining when I welcomed the Business and Enterprise Minister, Edwina Hart AM to the British Airways Maintenance Centre last week for the formal launch with Professor Garel Rhys, of the St Athan enterprise zone.

In her announcement of five enterprise zones in Wales, Edwina Hart said: "*Today's launch of these five Enterprise Zones is just the first step –-it shows that Wales is open for business*."

She said that the enterprise zones in Wales would take a bespoke approach to each location based on the skills and workforce history of each area.

St Athan has rightly been designated to focus on the aerospace sector and the launch at BAMC gave me confidence that the Vale is rightly positioned for this challenge.

I met young apprentices from Barry, Cowbridge and surrounding areas, who were enthusiastic, excited and committed to delivering the best of their skills and experience.

New opportunities were also clear with the announcement by BA, at the launch, that BAMC would be the site for the maintenance and overhaul of the new 787 engines in the four years' time, requiring an expansion of jobs and facilities.

It was also great to meet new members of this highly-skilled workforce, some of whom have come from St Athan having worked until recently on the VC10 contracts for the Defence Support Group.

To hear that BAMC has taken on 160 new staff over the past year was great news – including Vale engineers who have had to travel to other locations for work over the past few years from north Wales to Toulouse.

On Thursday, I also visited St Athan to meet the new Hunter Flying Company, which has relocated from Exeter to take advantage of the facilities at St Athan.

Hunter Flying Ltd oversees the maintenance and operation of the largest collection of classic aircraft of its kind in the world.

I had the opportunity to view some of the aircraft and meet the dedicated team of skilled engineers and owner pilots who are undertaking the maintenance work.

So, new opportunities and new challenges for the Welsh Government to develop these facilities effectively, in support of the aerospace sector in Wales.

These opportunities will be enhanced with our careful stewardship of reduced public finances in the financial year 2012/13.

As Finance Minister, I have sought to safeguard our public services, especially mindful of the needs of local government.

This has resulted in a more favourable settlement for local authorities in Wales than any other parts of the UK.

In other parts of the UK, local public services are closing and being cut back to a much greater extent than in Wales.

With the cuts to Working Families Tax Credits being felt by thousands of families from this week, our expansion of Flying Start services for the most disadvantaged children and families in the Vale and Wales is vital, as is our continuing support for free school breakfasts.

In Wales, we are increasing our funding for education, social services and housing.

This week, our new scheme to provide 12,000 jobs for young people in the private, public and voluntary sectors commences – financed by the Welsh Government and European funding – was launched.

Tackling the scourge of youth unemployment is a top priority, to give hope, as well as opportunities, for our young people.

We are also seeking new ways of investing in capital projects via our new Wales infrastructure investment plan.

We are supporting local authorities in a new highway improvement grant and will be extending these opportunities as we make the case for our own borrowing powers and fairer funding base in Wales.

Linking back to the Vale, the launch of enterprise zones, the £9 million investment in Barry regeneration, the support of the Rural Development Plan through Creative Rural Communities, the extension of transport grant for Barry station, our backing of electrification of the Valleys lines to include the Vale, all shows that the Welsh Government is firing on all cylinders for the economic renewal and social enhancement of Wales.

LEAFLETS AND LDP PROPOSALS

RECENTLY, I found on my doormat an election leaflet from the Conservative candidates for the Cowbridge ward in the Vale Council election in May.

Two of these are sitting councillors seeking re-election. In their election statement, neither made any reference to the highly controversial Local Development Plan, which will have major repercussions for Cowbridge and villages within their ward, such as Aberthin and Ystradowen.

This may not be surprising, as they are both members of the cabinet responsible for key decisions taken as to whether the LDP should be taken forward.

I don't know what help these councillors have provided to objectors elsewhere, but in Ystradowen we have received no support during the LDP consultation period, despite numerous requests to do so.

As a long-standing Conservative voter, they can be assured that they will NOT be receiving my vote in the May election. How many more loyal Conservative voters targeted with this leaflet feel the same?

R James, Ystradowen.

'LDP was not clear to public'

FOLLOWING on recent letters from your readers and a report by Tim Chapman, all seem to have come to the same position – that our council has lost interest in the people of Barry and the Vale.

It is allowing the Local Development Plan to be adopted with no concern for infrastructure, to effectively leave Weycock Cross to become another Culverhouse Cross, again without concern for the existing bottleneck which is Port Road.

No road improvements for Barry and Dinas Powys will, as your readers realise, cause worse gridlock as time goes by.

This plan appears not to have taken into account the enterprise zone setups in Cardiff and in the Vale, which were approved by the Assembly Government.

Does anybody speak to each other? I would suggest that with better infrastructure, business would be more inclined to come to the area.

Commercial traffic, private car use cycles and pedestrians would all be catered for.

Is it about time an overview is taken on transport, and plans published in the local press for all to see?

The Local Development Plan should have been in a clear and concise format so the electorate could view it without either going to offices selected by authorities or trying to find a way into the the council website.

This whole fiasco is a case of putting the cart before the horse, or is it the 'Local Developers' Plan' – and never mind the locals in Barry and the rest of the Vale'?

Paul Robertson,
Barry.

PACT meetings

COWBRIDGE PACT, April 16 at the Fire Station, Druids Green at 7pm.

RHOOSE Police Surgery, April 17 outside Tesco on Fontygary Road at 11.20pm.

LLANDOW/EWENNY PACT, April 18 at Ewenny Village Hall at 7pm.

WENVOE PACT, April 18 at Wenvoe Community Hall at 7pm.

CCTV arrests

THREE people have been arrested in the Vale as a result of CCTV monitoring, including two concerning possession of class A drugs.

CCTV operators contacted the police on 33 occasions during the week ending April 8.

One person was arrested on Barry Waterfront, involving possession of class A ,drugs on April 4.

Another person was arrested for breaching bail conditions on Broad Street, Barry, on Good Friday while another person was arrested on Bell Street, Barry, on Easter Sunday for alleged possession of class A drugs with intent to supply.

CCTV operators also called for an ambulance after a person was found collapsed and unconscious on Holton Road, Barry, on April 7.

Eye-catching head-pieces!

Easter fashions on display at Rhws Primary

EASTER saw a fashion show with a difference at Rhws Primary School, as Foundation Phase pupils entered their annual Easter bonnet competition.

Pupils from Reception to year-2 spent time at home and in school making their Easter creations ready for their afternoon parade, while Key Stage 2 pupils decorated hard-boiled eggs with a range of interesting an funny themes.

TOP AWARD WINNERS AT ST CYRES

The David Davies Award was presented by the Vale MP Alun Cairns to Luke Garland.

ST CYRES Comprehensive School recently held its special awards' evening for pupils in years 7 to 10.

The winners of the two main awards were Luke Garland, who won the David Davies Award, and Liam Richards, who carried off the Friends of St Cyres Award.

The Friends of St Cyres Award was presented by Jacky Pile to Liam Richards.

CAOS brings out the Wild West

AFTER a winter of rehearsing, CAOS are bringing a touch of the Wild West to the Vale this spring.

Their 2012 production is *Calamity Jane*, which re-creates the famous 1953 film starring Doris Day and Howard Keel. It features all the famous songs, including Deadwood Stage, Windy City and Secret Love,,

Under the direction of Mary Jeffreys and the baton of John Murray, local talent such as Joanne Lee Mallett and Nick James as Calamity and Wild Bill, with a full supporting cast and orchestra, bring this story to life.

The show runs from April 18-21 at 7.30pm at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School. Tickets are now available from society members, Chris Williams Optometrist Llantwit Major, Davies Newsagents Cowbridge, and from 01446 773169.

WHAT'S ON *in brief*

Councillors' surgery

LABOUR councillors for the Gibbonsdown ward, Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson, will be holding a street surgery in the Woodfield Heights area on Saturday April 14 from 11am till 12 noon.

Cadoxton revisited

LOCAL historian Tom Clemett returns to Victoria Park with his second collection of historic photographs and reminders of old Barry on April 29.

Tom has revised his first exhibition at the 'Room in the Park' in 2008, which featured historic photos from Cadoxton. Building on this, Tom has now added a great many more that he has discovered since 2008.

Creative talent on display at Easter parade

THE Easter bonnet parade took place at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School on the Tuesday morning of Holy Week.

Almost every child in the school took part and, once again, there was an amazing array of creative talent on display, making the judges' tasks very difficult.

There were prizes of Easter eggs and certificates for the winning entries in each class and, on the last day of term, the Easter Bunny left creme eggs for every pupil.

On the Wednesday, a school eucharist was celebrated by Father Adrian Berry and led by the pupils of year-3.

Headteacher Richard Ware thanked staff and pupils for another busy and successful term and wished everyone a happy Easter holiday.

VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Vale funding shortfall – 'enough is enough'

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

THE Vale of Glamorgan is one one of the poorest funded council areas in Wales by the Welsh Government.

Nearly three quarters of all council spend is received directly from the Welsh Government and we are underfunded to the tune of millions of pounds, compared to neighbouring councils such as Bridgend and even Cardiff.

I was appalled at the research findings I commissioned recently from the House of Commons library. I had asked the library to establish the total money that the Welsh Government distribute to all councils according to a per person spend.

The data was alarming and showed that the Vale is missing out significantly. The Vale Council receives significantly less per person than that given to neighbouring Bridgend, Cardiff and Rhondda Cynon Taff local authorities.

The Vale receive £77 less per person than is granted to Cardiff; £188 less per person than is given to Bridgend and a staggering £425 less than is handed out to Rhondda Cynon Taff.

If these figures were multiplied up to a total, according to our population, the council would have an additional £9.5m to spend year in year out if we received the same level of funding as Cardiff.

If we were funded the same as Bridgend, the Vale would receive an additional £23m each year.

And if the Vale was funded at the same level as Rhondda Cynon Taff, we would benefit from £53.5m extra each and every year.

After all, it costs the same to pay a build a school here in the Vale as it does in any other community in Wales.

The cost of a teacher or resurfacing a road is much the same in each part of Wales.

There is a need for further school investment locally and a secondary school would cost up to £20m. If we were funded the same as Bridgend, the Vale could build a new school every year. We are being overlooked by millions of pounds every year, and I just cannot understand why the Vale receive such a poor deal from the Welsh Government.

Enough is enough.

The Vale is missing out, and as has been pointed out in the past, Welsh Government has skewed funding against areas such as the Vale, Pembrokeshire, Monmouth and Powys. These are the poorest funded areas in Wales.

I have written to the Assembly's Finance Minister asking her to review local government funding, and I call on others to voice their concerns. These differences have developed over years and enough is enough.

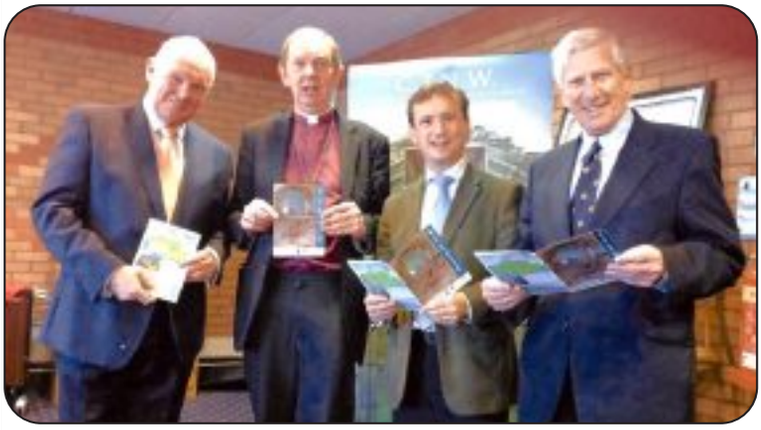
In credit to the Vale Council, recent audits have highlighted their efficiency, but that is not an excuse for the Welsh Government to send money away from us to their heartlands.

As one of the financial engine rooms of Wales, the Vale needs to be protected. Some parts of the Vale share similar deprivation levels as other areas of Wales.

Indeed, some wards in Barry are amongst the most deprived in Wales.

I do hope that the Welsh Government will look again at their strategy for local government funding, to make sure that it's a more level playing field for the Vale, and for all local authorities in Wales.

New scheme is set to showcase Vale churches



ABOVE: Left to right: John Winton, Rt Rev David Wilbourne, Alun Cairns MP and Coun Anthony Ernest.

A PROJECT has been launched in the Vale to promote visits to historical churches.

Vale MP Alun Cairns and the Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, Rt Rev David Wilbourne, were among those at the launch of a leaflet which aims to increase visitor numbers to the area.

The director of Churches Tourism Network Wales (CTNW), John Winton, who has managed the project, said: "The Vale has a great number of beautiful and historically significant church buildings, with some going back to the 5th century.

"One need only think, for example, of the church dedicated to St Illtud at Llanilltud Fawr, or Ewenny Priory, with its Pulpitum screen and painting by JM Turner.

"St Cadoc's church in Llancarfan has also been in the news recently after wall paintings of world-wide significance were discovered there.

"With the National Eisteddfod taking place in the Vale in August, we hope that this project will prove to be a timely one that will encourage all those coming to the area this summer to visit these beautiful and historic buildings."

Alun Cairns added: "I wholeheartedly endorse this project to give a higher profile to the Vale of Glamorgan's churches. These buildings are part of our heritage as a nation, and these treasures deserve to be more widely known.

"I congratulate CTNW and Creative Rural Communities of the Vale on bringing this very worthwhile project to fruition."

Visitors will be able to find out more about the Vale churches by visiting the project website at www.visit-valechurches.com.

A leaflet has also been produced and can be picked up at any of the churches in the Vale, as well as at local tourist information centres.

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St Athan offers 'bright new prospects'

Enterprise zone confirmed in Vale

THE new enterprise zone in the Vale, covering St Athan and Cardiff Airport, was confirmed recently at a launch meeting.

The announcement was made by the Business and Enterprise Minister, Edwina Hart AM, at the British Airways Maintenance Centre (BAMC), where Vale AM Jane Hutt welcomed the Minister and the chair of the Enterprise Zone Planning Group, Professor Garel Rhys. for the launch of the St Athan and Airport Enterprise Zone.

It was pointed out that BAMC had taken on apprentices and also 160 new staff over the past year. Many of these, it was stated, were local skilled aerospace engineers who had worked at St Athan.

Jane Hutt said: "The launch of the St Athan and Airport Enterprise Zone marks a significant commitment by the Welsh Government, with bright new prospects for the local economy and the wider aerospace sector in south-east Wales.

"We also heard the excellent news that BAMC will be undertaking the maintenance of the new 787 aircraft engines at the Rhoose site providing new opportunities for a skilled workforce.

"Professor Garel Rhys will lead the enterprise zone over the next few months to ensure we have the best start to this exciting new development for our local economy."

However, the Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has expressed his anger and frustration that Barry has been left in the cold..

Mr Cairns said: "Naturally, I am pleased that we are making progress at St Athan but am very sorry that Barry has missed out. It wasn't an either or – St Athan and Barry should have been included.

"I am also concerned that Wales is behind the game in the roll-out and delivery of these zones, with many zones in England already up and running.

"We now need to capitalise on the skills of the staff who have worked at the site and make sure that we retain these skills and expert knowledge base within our community.

"The Welsh Government need to act quickly to make their aerospace park become a reality as part of their enterprise zone scheme. I'm in touch with the MoD regarding the plans for the superhanger, and am optimistic about the outcome."

He returned to the subject of Barry: "I will continue to press the Welsh Government to extend the area to include Barry – to help regenerate the area and attract new employers. The case for Barry as an enterprise zone is convincing, with strong support from residents and businesses alike.

"Barry is Wales' biggest town and I do hope that the Welsh Government will heed our calls and help us reinvigorate and diversify employment for Barry."

PHILIP IRWIN

PM on election trail in Vale

Andrew RT Davies, David Cameron and Cheryl Gillan are pictured in Barry.

Prime Minister David Cameron, with Andrew R T Davies AM, Leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the National Assembly, and Welsh Secretary Cheryl Gillan MP, were in the Vale last week to launch Welsh Tories' local election campaign.

Andrew R T Davies said: "It was a great privilege for the Prime Minister to join us on the campaign trail to back small businesses in Barry."

Art for Autism competition launched at Westminster

ABOVE: Alun Cairns MP (second on left) with fellow judges at the launch of the Create! Art for Autism 2012 competition.

BEECHWOOD College launched the national art competition, Create! Art for Autism 2012, at a parliamentary reception in London, hosted by Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale.

In its second year, the competition has attracted high profile judges, including TV presenters Jane Asher and Gaby Roslin, and Mark Lever, chief executive of the National Autistic Society. The judging panel also includes Mr Cairns MP, Hugh Morgan, chief executive of Autism Cymru and Brendan Burns, twice winner of the National Eisteddfod Gold Medal in fine art and lecturer at the University of Glamorgan.

It is open to all young people aged 11-25 years with an Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) including Asperger's Syndrome.

They are invited to enter the four main categories: 2D art, 3D art, digital art and poetry.

The finalists' artwork will form a national art tour involving Cardiff, Bristol, Birmingham and London.

Closing date for the competition is May 18. Finalists will then be announced on June 12 and the awards ceremony will take place on July 6.

Supernatural visitors on Barry Island ghost train

THE famous seaside resort of Barry Island (known in Welsh as Ynys y Barri) gets its name from St Baruc from the 6th Century.

It looks out across the Bristol Channel, and remained as an isolated island until the 1880s.Barry Island was first documented in 1087, when the Vikings invaded the waters around the area.

Evidence of Stone Age settlements have also been found by archaeologists, who unearthed Mesolithic flint tools at Friars Point, as well as Bronze Age burial mounds or cairns.

Immigrants are thought to have flocked to the area, where indications of both Bronze Age and Iron Age Celtic cultures inhabited the island. A Celtic tribe, the Silures also left their mark, and even the Romans are thought to have occupied the islet.

It was during the Roman era that St Baruc, who was a disciple of St. Cadoc, visited the island, and on being sent back to Flat Holm to retrieve notes to read to the people from St Cadoc, drowned in the treacherous waters of the Channel.

His body was buried in a chapel dedicated to him in Friars Road, where its ruins are still visible.

The island would probably have been overshadowed by woodland during ancient times, so it would only be possible to reach it by boat or on foot across the sands at low tide. But over time, the trees were felled to cultivate the land for farming.

The leisure park was founded by Vernon Studt from Bavaria, who began his life on the island dealing horses, before opening the first showground on Barry Island beach in the late 1800s.

During the 1880s, Barry Island (or peninsula as it is also known) became connected to the mainland when Barry town began to expand. Barry Docks was established by David Davies, and opened by the Barry Railway Company in 1896 when the line was completed to carry steam trains.

Butlins, on the hill at Nell's Point, was the smallest camp built in UK, opening for business in 1966. Over 800 chalets were built to accommodate people and Butlins sold the business in 1986 to Majestic Holidays. The camp eventually closed in 1996 with the land cleared by 2005.

Wales is known for its tales of myths and legends, and Barry Island seems to hold its own account of folklore and ghostly tales.

The hazy image of a lady dressed in old-fashioned clothing is understood to walk the hills around Whitmore Bay. It is not known who she was, but why would this lady want to revisit a place that would be unrecognisable to her today, in a modern world beyond her understanding?

On clear, moonlit nights in the depths of the Bristol Channel, a mysterious ghost ship is said to trawl the seas around the island, only to vanish into thin air. Could this distinct image be a ship from a bygone era, or just an illusion of the mind?

Within the grounds of the Pleasure Park, the ghost train is thought to attract visitors of the supernatural kind. Trucks inside this fearful attraction have been said to run along the tracks on their own accord for no apparent reason.

One account describes an unrecognisable passenger travelling in one of the trucks, only to disappear in an instant. Who could this mysterious person be, and could they have had links with funfairs from a departed era?

The legend of aliens circling the skies around the island is a modern mythical tale. They are said to descend on the area in search of fish and other modern foodstuffs.

But is this a story of fantasy, or just a tale of make-believe? *Fact or fiction? Only you can decide…*

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'Wales the only part of the UK not to be electrified in any way...'

Warning that Vale railway line could be left in the cold

by PHILIP IRWIN

A TRANSPORT charity is claiming that the Vale railway system could miss out on investment, leaving it as an old, 'dirty' system that would hamper local development.

Lee Waters, the director of the sustainable transport charity, Sustrans, says that there is a real danger that the electrification of the valleys lines will exclude the Vale of Glamorgan line.

He told The GEM: "If the rest of the valleys network are upgraded and the line through Barry is not, we will face the prospect of old fashioned 'dirty' trains running slowly from the Vale into Cardiff, where passengers will have to change onto modern electric-powered trains for onward journeys.

"At a time when the passenger demand at Barry will be increasing, this sends all the wrong messages."

Mr Waters is calling for local politicians to put aside party interests to come together to campaign for the Vale line to be included in the electrification programme – a programme that is likely to be given the go-ahead over the next couple of months.

He said: "I think an alliance of all parties, Pride in Barry, the Vale Council and local businesses could be crucial in persuading the UK Department for Transport (DfT) to electrify the whole valleys network and not just the 'core' valleys – which is as I understand it the current position."

Mr Waters said that he had been part of a cross-party delegation with businesses and charities to Westminster recently to lobby for the electrification of the whole of the valleys lines, and the mainline to Swansea.

He said that such infrastructure investment was not devolved, and would be assessed by the UK Government. As such, Wales would have to compete with a number of English schemes, including the Northern Hub (rail schemes in and around Manchester) and Midland Mainline Electrification.

Mr Waters said that he understood that, as things stand, the DfT is more likely to back the midlands than the Vale investment.

He added: "We need to make an united case for the wider benefits to the whole south Wales economy.

"A fully electrified network provides for the most efficient fleet and lowest cost operations, as well as providing a comprehensive foundation for a region wide economic regeneration."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "Having met the Secretary of State for Transport to discuss the issue just two weeks ago, I am delighted that the Prime Minister gave positive noises during his visit to Barry last Thursday.

" I ensured that when they talk about the Valleys line, that it also incorporates the Vale of Glamorgan line, too!

"There are a few issues that the Welsh Government and Department for Transport need to co-operate on but am I positive for a good outcome.

"It is hard to believe that Wales is the only part of the UK not to be electrified in any way.

" Those who are complaining loudest need to be aware of the record over the last 15 years, when we were left out of electrification."

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "The Welsh Government has submitted a business case to the UK Department of Transport for the electrification of the entire Valleys Rail network-including the Vale.

"It is vital that the Vale of Glamorgan line is included in the electrification of the Valleys Lines, to support the regeneration of Barry and the successful implementation of the St Athan Enterprise Zone launched last week.

"I have raised this with the Transport Minister, Carl Sargeant AM and he has responded, saying, 'The UK Government will be deciding its rail investment priorities for England and Wales.. between now and July.

"I am in continuing dialogue with the Secretary of State for Transport, pressing the case for this investment in the strongest terms."

Paul Haley, of Pride in Barry, said that he supported any modernisation of the Vale railway line.

However, he felt that electrification was not the only answer.

He said: "There needs to be more joined-up thinking about the rail network.

"I travel to London on business and frequently face long waits on the platform, because connecting routes from the Vale and Valley lines are poorly synchronised with the trains to London."

DYFFRYN TALK

THE next meeting of The Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust members will be held on April 18 at 7.30pm in the Duke of Wellington Hotel, Cowbridge.

Geraldine Donovan, project manager and site curator at Dyffryn Gardens willspeak on *'Dyffryn House – The Restoration Story'*.

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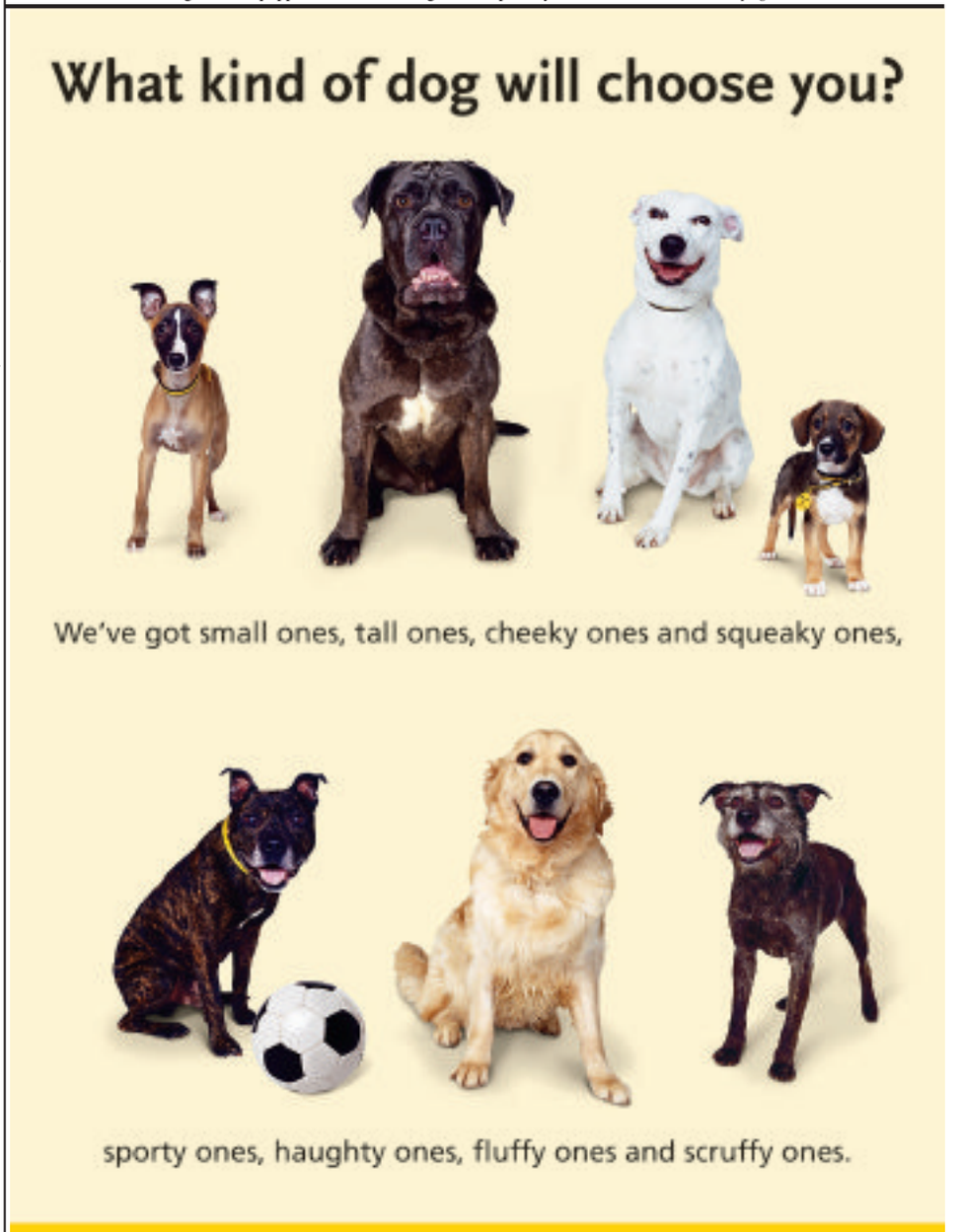

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Gorsedd ceremony promises to be memorable

Gorsedd ceremonies

THE Gorsedd ceremonies are some of the most memorable moments at any National Eisteddfod – the Pavilion lights are dimmed and an expectant hush descends upon the capacity audience, as they await the fanfare of horns.

Lights sweep across a sea of faces until one, and only one person rises.

On stage, the Archdruid stands in his golden regalia while behind him, the green, blue and white robed rows of Gorsedd members make for a striking backcloth.

For the writers themselves, the drama will have started months before as they rush to get their entries in on time, using pseudonyms instead of their real names. The winner's identity will be kept a very close secret known to only a few. The rest of the ceremony is just thrilling – it is one of the great spectacles of Welsh culture.

The Gorsedd of the Bards is a society of poets, writers, musicians, artists and individuals who have made a notable contribution to the nation, its language and culture.

It is the Gorsedd which is responsible for the pageantry of the National Eisteddfod of Wales and it organizes and presents the colourful and dramatic ceremonies which are held during the Eisteddfod.

The Gorsedd, as you may have read recently in The GEM, was the creative invention of Iolo Morganwg, one of Wales' most famous and eccentric scholars, who felt that it should be made known that the Welsh were the direct descendants of Celtic culture and heritage.

Iolo Morgannwg – or Edward Williams to give him his real name – was born at Pen-onn, near Llancarfan, and was raised in the village of Flemingston in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Gorsedd of Bards first came together in 1792, not in Wales as you might expect, but on Primrose Hill in London.

It made its first appearance at the Eisteddfod in Carmarthen in 1819, and from the time that the National was born in 1860-1861. Its close association with the festival has remained. Nowdays, an Eisteddfod without the Gorsedd of Bards is unthinkable.

The head of the Gorsedd of Bards is the Archdruid, who is elected for a term of three years, and is responsible for conducting the Gorsedd ceremonies during the Proclamation and Eisteddfod week. The current Archdruid is T James Jones or Jim Parc Nest to give his bardic name.

The ceremony in which the winning poet is chaired for composing a collection of poems, an ode or other poem – all in strict metre on a specific subject – is one of highlights of the Gorsedd of the Bards' pageantry at every National Eisteddfod. It is held on the Friday afternoon of the Eisteddfod week.

It is a very old ceremony. The custom of competing for a chair in the King's court was already well-established in Hywel Dda's time in the tenth century and when the Lord Rhys held his Eisteddfod. In Cardigan in 1176, the prize for the chief poet and chief musician was a chair each.

Having re-established the eisteddfodic movement in Bala in 1789, winning the chair became the ambition of every poet, although there was no Gorsedd ceremony associated with it yet.

It was at the first provincial Eisteddfod in Dyfed/Dinefwr in Carmarthen in 1819 that Iolo succeeded in linking the rites of the Gorsedd of the Bards with the ceremony of Chairing the winning Bard.

In 1867, it was decided to assign the chair for an ode in strict metre and to award a crown for the best pryddest in free metre.

The chairing ceremony at 1917 Birkenhead Eisteddfod was both memorable and harrowing. Hedd Wyn was the bardic name of Ellis Humphrey Evans, a Trawsfynydd shepherd and gifted poet.

Following success in local competitions and a second place for the chair in the National Eisteddfod at Aberystwyth, Ellis set his sights on the chair at the Birkenhead Eisteddfod of 1917.

Ellis joined the thousands of soldiers serving on the Western Front during World War I and drew upon his wartime experiences to write the poem *Yr Arwr (The Hero)*, which describes the realities of war for both the soldiers and their families back home.

Back in Birkenhead, as the judges called out the name of the victorious bard, there was silence in the auditorium. Hedd Wyn had been killed six weeks earlier on July 31, 1917, during the battle for Pilckem Ridge, Ypres.

After the war, a petition was submitted to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and it was granted that his grave in Belgium did not read simply E H Ellis, but Y Prifardd Hedd Wyn (The Principal Bard, Hedd Wyn).

The crowning ceremony, which is held on the Monday of the Eisteddfod week, is an equally impressive ceremony.

During this ceremony for the first time during the Eisteddfod week the 'Flower Dance' will be performed. The Flower Dance is a colourful part of the Gorsedd ceremonies.

Local girls are chosen to perform the dance, which is based on a pattern of flower gathering from the fields.

Girls aged nine to 11 from all over the Vale of Glamorgan were invited to an open audition last year to select the Flower Dancers; 34 were successful and performed the dance for the first time at the Proclamation Ceremony in Barry which was held in June.

The dance portrays the gathering of meadow flowers and the girls dress in green tunics adorned with wild flowers. However, it is a comparatively recent rite. It was performed for the first time at the Machynlleth Proclamation ceremony in 1936 and it was devised by Cynan, the Gorsedd Recorder, and junior school teachers from the area.

One of the most prominent roles played during these ceremonies will be that by ex-Scarlets and Wales rugby player Robin McBryde as the Grand Sword Bearer. It will be Robin who carries the Great Gorsedd sword during the Gorsedd processions and during the Ceremonies themselves holding it aloft to the Archdruids' call for peace.

Carrying a sword was one of the rituals in Iolo Morganwg's first Gorsedd held in Primrose Hill. Iolo, a pacifist, wanted to emphasise that the Bards met in peace and when a naked sword was placed on the Logan Stone (the main stone in the middle of the Gorsedd Circle where the Archdruid stands) they proceeded to sheath it as a symbol of peace in Gorsedd.

In 1888, Phillip Yorke of Erddig Hall presented a ceremonial sword to the Gorsedd which was used until the turn of the century. Then, in 1899, Professor Hubert Herkomer designed a Grand Sword for the Gorsedd. On the scabbard the following mottoes were inscribed:

"*Y Gwir yn erbyn y Byd*' (The Truth against the World, motto of the Gorsedd of the Isle of Britain); '*Duw a phob Daioni*' (God and all Goodness, the Chair of Glamorgan and Gwent); '*Calon wrth Galon*' (Heart to Heart, the Chair of Dyfed); '*A Laddo a Leddir*"(He who Kills shall be Killed, the Chair of Powys); '*Iesu na ad gamwaith*' (Jesus, let there be no injustice, the Chair of Gwynedd).

This is the Grand Sword still in use today.

The Gorsedd Ceremonies at the Vale of Glamorgan Eisteddfod will be held on Monday, August 6 (crowning ceremony), Wednesday, August 8 (Literary medal) and Friday, August 10 (Chairing ceremony).

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yn yr Ystafell Fwrdd, Gwesty'r Heronston, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr
17 EBRILL 2012
2.30-3.30pm
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IMPORTANT CEREMONY

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Tickets for the ceremonies which include field admission for that day are now on sale and available to buy from the Eisteddfod website : www.eisteddfod.org.uk or by phoning the ticket hotline on 0845 4090 800.

Welsh phrase of the week/Ymadrodd yr wythnos:

Dwi wedi bwyta gormod o wyau pasg (Dwee wade-ee booita goremod oh oo-aye passg) which means 'I've eaten too many Easter eggs'.

Seremoniau yr Orsedd

Y SEREMONIAU yw rhai o ddigwyddiadau mwyaf cofiadwy unrhyw Eisteddfod. Mae golau'r Pafiliwn yn cael ei bylu ac mae ton o dawelwch yn disgyn dros y gynulleidfa wrth iddynt aros am alwad y Cyrn Gwlad.

Ysgubir golau ar draws y pafiliwn cyn cyrraedd un man lle sefir y bardd buddugol ar ei d/thraed. Saif yr Archdderwydd ar y llwyfan yn ei regalia aur gyda'r Orsedd tu cefn iddo yn barod i gyfarch y bardd ar y llwyfan.

I'r beirdd ei hunain dyma benllanw misoedd o aros ers postio'r gwaith erbyn y dyddiad cau gan ddefnyddio ffug enw yn hytrach nag enwau bob dydd. Cedwir enw'r bardd neu'r llenor buddugol yn gudd, gyda dim ond ychydig yn gwybod y gyfrinach. Mae'r seremoniau yma yn wefreiddiol – un o uchafbwyntiau celfyddyd Cymraeg.

Cymdeithas o feirdd, llenorion, cerddorion, artistiaid ac unigolion sydd wedi gwneud cyfraniad nodedig i Gymru, ei hiaith a'i diwylliant yw Gorsedd Beirdd Ynys Prydain. Gorsedd y Beirdd sy'n gyfrifol am basiantri Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru a hi sy'n trefnu a chynnal seremonïau lliwgar a dramatig y Cyhoeddi, defodau Cylch yr Orsedd, a seremonïau'r Coroni, y Fedal Ryddiaith a'r Cadeirio ar lwyfan y Brifwyl.

Efallai eich bod wedi darlen yn Y GEM yn ddiweddar ffrwyth dychymyg Iolo Morgannwg oedd yr Orsedd. Ganwyd Iolo, neu Edward Williams, i rhoi iddo ei enw enedigol ym Mhenn-Onn ger Llancarfan a magwyd ef ym mhentref Trefflemin ym Mro Morgannwg.

Cynhaliwd yr Orsedd gyntaf yn 1792 ym Mryn y Briallu, Llundain ac ymddangosodd am y tro cyntaf yn yr Eisteddfod yn ystod Eisteddfod Caerfyrddin 1819 ac ers creu sefydliad yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn 1860/1 mae ei gysylltiad agos gyda'r Eisteddfod wedi parhau. Erbyn hyn mae'n anodd dychmygu Eisteddfod heb Gorsedd y Beirdd.

Pennaeth yr Orsedd yw'r Archdderwydd ac fe'i etholir am dymor o dair blynedd ac ef sydd yn gyfrifol am Seremoniau yr Orsedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod ac hefyd yn ystod Seremoni y Cyhoeddi. Yr Archdderwydd presennol yw T James Jones.

Mae Seremoni y Cadierio am gyfansoddi cerdd mewn cynghanedd yn un o uchafbwyntiau unrhyw Eisteddfod. Cynhelir y Seremoni yma ar brynhawn dydd Gwener yr Eisteddfod.

Mae'n seremoni hynafol iawn. Yr oedd yr arfer o gystadlu am gadair yn llys y Brenin eisoes yn hen yng nghyfnod Hywel Dda yn y ddegfed ganrif a phan gynhaliodd yr Arglwydd Rhys ei Eisteddfod yn Aberteifi yn 1176, cadair yr un oedd gwobrau'r prif fardd a'r prif gerddor. Yna, tua 1451, yn eisteddfod Caerfyrddin cadeiriau arian a enillwyd a thrachefn yn eisteddfodau Caerwys yn 1523 a 1567.

Wedi ail-sefydlu'r mudiad eisteddfodol yn y Bala yn 1789 ennill y Gadair oedd uchelgais pob bardd ond nid oedd seremoni orseddol ynghlwm wrth hyn eto. Yn Eisteddfod Daleithiol Dyfed/Dinefwr yng Nghaerfyrddin yn 1819 llwyddodd Iolo Morganwg i gysylltu'r mudiad eisteddfodol â defod Gorsedd y Beirdd ac â chadeirio'r bardd buddugol.

Yn 1867 y penderfynwyd neilltuo'r Gadair ar gyfer awdl yn y mesurau caeth a chael Coron am bryddest yn y mesur rhydd.

Mae Seremoni Cadeirio Eisteddfod Penbedw 1917 ymhlith un o'r rhai mwyaf cofiadwy a thrist. Hedd Wyn oedd enw barddol Ellis Humphrey Evans, bugail a bardd dawnus o Drawsfynydd.

Yn dilyn llwyddiant mewn cystadlaethau lleol ac ail yng nghystadleuaeth y gadair yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Aberystwyth fe drodd sylw Ellis at Eisteddfod Penbedw 1917. Fel miloedd o fechgyn ifanc arall o Gymru fe ymunodd efo'r fyddin ac ysbydolwyd gan ei brofiadau i ysgrifennu'r gerdd ar y testun 'Yr Arwr.'

Lle disgrifiodd gwirionedd rhyfel i'r milwyr a'u teuluoedd adref.

Ym Mhenbedw, wrth i'r beirniad alw allan enw'r bardd buddugol mi oedd tawelwch yn y Pafiliwn oherwydd marwolaeth Hedd Wyn chwech wythnos yn gynt ar Orffennaf 31, 1917 yn ystod brwydr Pilckem Ridge yn Ypres.

Mae Seremoni y Coroni a gynhalwyd ar brynhawn Llun yr Eisteddfod yn seremoni yr un mor lliwgar. Yn ystod y Seremoni yma y perfformir y ddawns flodau am y tro cyntaf yn ystod yr Eisteddfod. Heb os dyma un o ddefodau mwyaf poblogaidd seremonïau Gorsedd y Beirdd.

Yn dilyn clyweliadau llynedd dewisiwyd 34 o ferched o ysgolion cyrnadd ar draws y fro i gymryd rhan; gwisgant wisgoedd gwyrddion â blodau'r maes yn eu haddurno, a blodau yn goronau yn eu gwalltiau a chariant duswau o flodau.

Dawns i gyfleu casglu blodau'r maes yw hi a chyfunir Cyflwyno'r Flodeuged â hi trwy i ddwy o'r dawnswyr ychwanegu'u tuswau hwy at y Flodeuged ei hun.

Eto, defod gymharol ddiweddar yw hi. Yng Ngorsedd Gyhoeddi Machynlleth, 1936 y gwelwyd hi gyntaf a gellir ei phriodoli i ddychymyg y Cofiadur, Cynan ac athrawesau ysgolion cynradd y fro. Nid ymddangosodd y dawnswyr ar lwyfan y Brifwyl tan ddefod y Cadeirio yn Eisteddfod Ystradgynlais, 1954.

Chwaraeir rhan flaenllaw yn ystod Seremoniau yr Orsedd gan gyn – chwaraewr rygbi'r Scarlets a Chymru, Robin Mc Bryde gan taw ef fydd yn cario cleddyf yr Orsedd.

Yr oedd cario cleddyf yn rhan o ddefodaeth Gorsedd gyntaf Iolo Morgannwg yn 1792. Fel heddychwr pwysleisiai Iolo mai mewn heddwch yr ymgynullai beirdd Gorsedd Ynys Prydain a phan osodwyd cleddyf noeth ar Faen yr Orsedd cynorthwyodd y beirdd oedd yn bresennol i wisgo'r wain amdano fel arwydd o Heddwch.

Defod ar wahân oedd yr un lle gelwid allan am 'Heddwch' ar y dechrau ond yn raddol daethpwyd i'w chysylltu â defod y cleddyf.

Yn Eisteddfod Wrecsam, 1888, cyflwynodd Phillip Yorke o Blas Erddig gleddyf seremoniol a ddefnyddiwyd tan droad y ganrif.

Yna, yng Nghaerdydd, 1899, cynlluniodd yr Athro Hubert Herkomer Gleddyf Mawr ar gyfer Gorsedd y Beirdd. Eglurodd symbolaeth y cynllun: crisial naturiol y carn yn cynrychioli cyfriniaeth; y tair llinell sanctaidd yn cynrychioli'r ymdrech gyntaf i ysgrifennu 'Iehofa'; y ddraig - i'w gwarchod. Ar y wain roedd y cyswyneiriau: 'Y gwir yn erbyn y byd' (cyswynair Gorsedd Beirdd Ynys Prydain); Duw a phob Daioni' (Cadair Morgannwg a Gwent); Calon wrth Galon' (Cadair Dyfed); A Laddo a Leddir (Cadair Powys); 'Iesu na ad gamwaith' (Cadair Gwynedd); Dyma'r Cleddyf Mawr a ddefnyddir heddiw.

Cynhelir Seremoniau yr Orsedd yn ystod Eisteddfod Bro Morgannwg ar Ddydd Llun, Mercher a Gwener. Mae tocynnau ar gyfer y Sermoniau eisioes ar werth ac ar gael o wefan yr Eisteddfod www.eisteddfod.org.uk neu drwy ffonio'r linell docynnau ar 0845 4090 800.

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NEWS FROM YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG

Three-day road trip made students feel proud of their Welsh heritage

THE year-10 Welsh class at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg came to school far more excited than usual this St David's Day, knowing that this year's festival would be something special, year-10 pupil ROBIN TAIT reports.

ABOVE: Fun and games with the Stwnsh team.

The French Spelling Bee experts.

We were setting off on a three-day trip around Wales, organised by the Welsh department.

The aim was for us to gain a better understanding of the subjects we study during the course, but we also learnt a great deal about our heritage, and came back having had a fantastic time and feeling proud to be Welsh.

After a long bus journey through the mist, we arrived at our fist stop – the coastal town of Aberaeron – for a little shopping, lunch and some rare sunshine.

Luckily for us the weather stayed warm throughout the rest of our trip! Next up was the National Library in Aberystwyth were we enjoyed a 'behind the scenes' tour of the library and its vast storage areas.

We were privileged to view a few of the nation's historical treasures, including one of the first Welsh Bibles ever published, and the first map of Wales as a 'principality'.

Then, it was off to the Urdd resort, Glan-llyn for a touching presentation on the drowned village – Capel Celyn – bingo, a film and supper before bed.

There was even more to come the next day, which began at the Llanberis National Slate Museum.

First, we learned all about slate quarrying years ago, before being given a hands on demonstration on how to cleave and shape the slate.

It turned out that our teacher, Miss Jones, had quite a talent for this!

After a visit to the gift shop and lunch by a beautiful lake, we moved on to the Kate Roberts Heritage Centre, learning all about the way of life back in the author's time, as well as her personal history.Next was Gelert's Grave – the memorial to a faithful dog from the Mabinogi tales, who came to a tragic end.

Finally we visited Llyn Celyn – the reservoir built upon Capel Celyn – and the memorial chapel where graves from the village chapel where moved before the drowning.

To finish off the night with a flourish, we attended the local eisteddfod – and even ended up winning first place with our group effort for the voice ensemble!

We said goodbye sadly to Glan-llyn, our home for two nights, and were off to Bala for a spot of shopping.

The last two destinations – Llywelyn, the last Prince of Wales' memorial in Cilmeri and the Aberfan Children's memorial – were moving and quite emotional, and certainly a memorable end to our trip.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our teachers – Mr Davies and Miss Jones – for giving us such an amazing three days, and to Aled, the bus driver, for taking us everywhere and putting up with our terrible singing!

I think it's safe to say that you don't always have to go to the ends of the earth to have a good time….

French Spelling Bee

Congratulations go to Brennig Davies, Elin Alexander, Manon Wiliam and Beth Humphreys of Year 7 who won the year-7 French Spelling Bee competition.

The pupils went on to represent the school in the regional round, competing against schools from across South Wales.

Stwnsh comes to play

Last week, two presenters from the S4C program *Stwnsh* came to visit year-7 and 8 pupils.

Screams of laughter were heard through the corridors, as pupils enjoyed a morning of fun and games in the school hall.

Coffee morning

ON Saturday, April 14, a coffee morning will be held at Crossway Methodist Church, Barry, in aid of missions, from 10am.

WHAT'S ON *in brief*

'Good Things'

ON April 19, 20, 21 the Dinas Powys players present 'Good Things' by Liz Lochhead at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys at 7.30pm. ***For tickets, telephone 02920 512868.***

Spring book sale

COWBRIDGE Library is holding a spring book sale on Saturday, April 21 from 10am - 4pm.

Spring fayre

AGE Concern held a successful spring fayre at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, to raise funds for the refurbishment of the shop.

Jane Hutt AM, opened the fayre and congratulated Age Concern on their dedicated and hard work.

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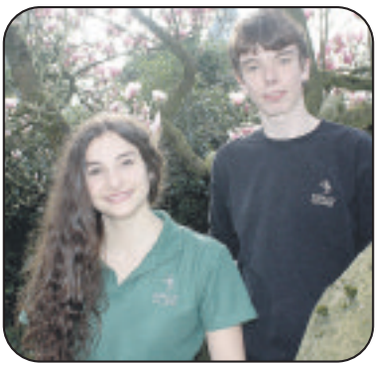

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Who wants to build what, and where in the Vale?

The Occupier – **20 White House, The Knap, Barry** – Remove semi-mature pine tree.
Mr Shires – **16 Maes Glas, Barry** – Crown raise to 4.5m removing secondary and pendulous branches only to form more compact upright crown to twin stemmed ash tree located in rear garden.

Mr J Shewring – **1 Elm Grove Lane, Dinas Powys** – Reduce eight field maple and crown lift sorbus.
M Sibert – **1 Church Avenue, Penarth** – Reduce entire crown by up to 4.5m, crown thin and reduce end-loading.
VJ Thomas and Son – **Pancross Farm, Llancarfan** – Siting of four mobile homes to accommodate agricultural workers.
Mr Brendan Boylan – **Woodland Rise, St Andrews Road, Dinas Powys** – One storey extension with attic bedroom (Amendment to full planning permission 20120/00194/FUL).
Mrs Michelle Proctor – **1 Old Barry Road, Penarth** – Erection of acoustic perimeter fence.
Mr Gethin Walters – **15 Mountjoy Avenue, Penarth** – Single storey extension and dormer windows on rear and side elevations.
Mr C Williams – **15 Glyn y Gog, Rhoose** – Single storey extension and conservatory.
Mr Ian Shumack – **3 Whittan Close, Rhoose** – Replacement garage with workshop related to house at 3 Whittan Close. Change from flat to pitched room (2011/01099/FUL).
Mr Mark Painter – **Ambleside, 2 St Athan Road, Cowbridge** – To make single storey extension into a two storey extension at rear of house.
Mr Michael Long – **Maendy Chapel, Maendy** – Amendments to planning application 2008/00335/FUL for conversion of Maendy Chapel to a single dwelling.
Mr and Mrs B and S Edwards – **7A Boverton Road (first Floor Offices), Llantwit Major** – Change of use of existing office accommodation into two self contained flats at first floor level.
Mr Peter Wilkinson – **142-144 Holton Road, Barry** – Removal of existing signage and installation of replacement, converting the current royal Bank of Scotland to Santander.
Mr Ray Thomas – **Sutton Newydd Farm, Sutton Road, Llandow** – construction of portal frame agricultural cattle building 36.59m (120ft) x 30.49m, (100ft) x 4.39m (12ft) to eaves).
Mr and Mrs Gadd – **14 Greenfield Avenue, Dinas Powys** – Proposed second storey rear extension and dormer.
Mr Ieuan Morris – **Highbank, Llanmihangel Road, Llanblethian** – Single storey extension incorporating kitchen and sitting area.
Vale of Glamorgan Council – **Old Hall, Community Centre, High Street, Cowbridge** – The proposal is to install an external radio antenna of the rear of the Old Hall to provide IT network connectivity.
Dr Simon Davies – **32 Tair Onen, Cowbridge** – Two storey side extension with habitable loft space and a single storey rear extension.
The Occupier – **34 Britway Road, Dinas Powys** – Fell small sycamore in group, pollard other sycamores, prune back heavily end loaded limbs in Cypress trees.
Enterprise Inns Plc – **Three Bells Inn, Coldbrook Road West, Cadoxton** – Ash trees to be felled.
Mr Alun Williams – **Church Farm Barns, Church Farm, Clemenstone** – Renewal of previously granted consent.
Mr Arwyn Prichard – **Vianshill Farm, St Nicholas** – Variation of Condition 2 of approved application 2008/01297/FUL to extend period of development/works.
Lloyds Banking Group – **1 Windsor Road, Penarth** – Repair and replace perished bathstone with new to the following areas: ballusters, high level cornice, curved cornice, due to falling masonry.
Gareth Shaw – **12 Lord Street, Penarth** – Loft conversion with roof dormers to front and rear elevations.
Mr Graham Cartwright – **The Croft, Llanmaes** – Alterations and extension to existing house.
Mr Steve Giblin – **4 Rhos Ddu, Penarth** – Two front apex dormers and one rear apex dormer.
Mr Ken Broad – **Adjacent 44 Pyke Street, Barry** – Construction of two linked dwellings at garage lock up.
Mr Russell Evans – **Marlborough Farm Lodge, Crossways, Cowbridge** – One and two storey extensions, porches.
Mr John Mudford – **Alexandra Gardens Community Centre, Alexandra Crescent, Barry** – Installation of new building to replace condemned existing building.
Vale of Glamorgan Council – **The Pavilion, Cwrt y Felin, Wick** – New ramped access and disabled toilet facility.
Mrs Ruth Quinn – **Town Hall, Church Street, Llantwit Major** – Remove and replace existing flagpole. Install two new architectural flagpoles with internal halyard.
Mr Phillips – **72 Eastgate, Cowbridge** – Retention of one-bedroom self contained flat plus a steel balcony.
Ms R Waterhouse – **163 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – Proposed rear dormer extension to existing attic conversion.
OCA UK Ltd – **21 Victoria Road, Penarth** – Fell one elder, one wisteria and three Lawson cypress trees.

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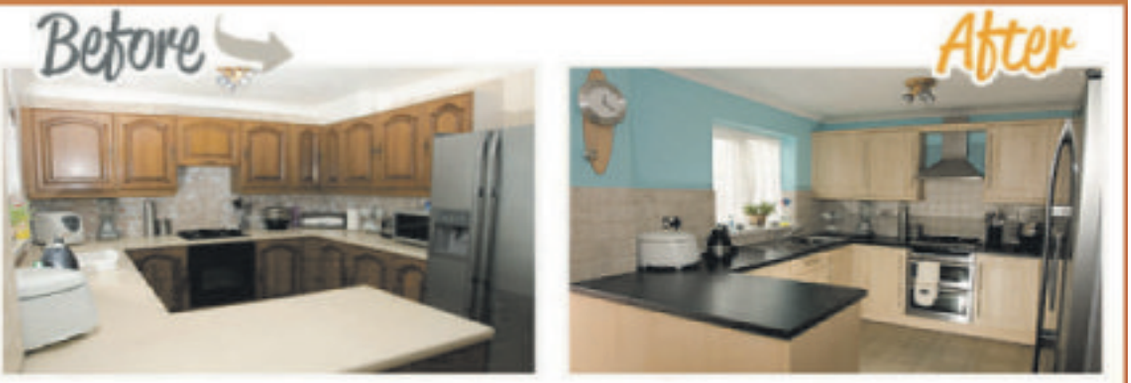

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Encouraging our young people to get gardening!

by HANNAH STEPHENSON

A HOST of events are planned for the first Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) National Gardening Week, an initiative to encourage people to get growing.

Between April 16 and 22, community plant and seed swaps, gardening advice clinics, workshops and garden parties are planned, along with input from gardening clubs, community groups and libraries.

There's also a big push for schools to become involved, with the RHS Show Cardiff (April 20-22) being the launch pad for the first Young School Gardener of the Year competition - a nationwide search to find the best young grower in the land.

'Get Kids Growing Day', an annual competition aimed at gardeners up to the age of 16, will be launched on April 20 and is a key initiative for the campaign week.

Divided into four age groups and aimed at the RHS campaign for school gardening, a teacher nominates a child by completing an online form by May 18.

The RHS then chooses the four best entrants from each age group, who receive digital cameras to make videos demonstrating why they're such exemplary gardeners. They must submit the video by July 5.

A winner of each age group will receive gardening tools and £500 in garden gift vouchers for their schools.

The overall winner, crowned 'Young School Gardener of the Year 2012', will in addition spend a day at a RHS garden of their choice, working with a RHS gardener and receive family tickets to either RHS Tatton Park Flower Show or RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show 2013.

Jacky Chave, RHS strategic schools manager, says: "Gardening in schools is a fantastic way of engaging young people in learning. Thanks to our campaign more than half of all primary school pupils in the country are gardening.

"If through this competition we discover the next Monty Don, Alan Titchmarsh or Chris Collins, who in turn will inspire their friends and classmates to get into gardening, then how fantastic."

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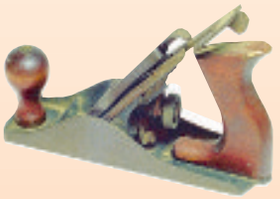

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Snow White story is the fairest of them all!

IN this slightly more cynical and weary age we live, it seems that the fairytales that nursed us through our childhood need to be updated for modern audiences.

The likes of Red Riding Hood and Hansel and Gretel have, or will be, toughened up by Hollywood, while the tale of Snow White will be pulling double duty, with the Kristen Stewart-starring *Snow White and The Huntsman* due out later in the year, while Mirror Mirror hits cinemas now.

Starring Lily Collins as Snow, it follows her story as she is banished from the kingdom by her wicked stepmother (Julia Roberts), only to meet up with a band of seven dwarves who, along with the charming Prince Alcott (Armie Hammer), may be able to help her free her townspeople, and herself, from the clutches of the queen...

When thinking of fairytales you think of grand castles, gorgeous costumes, beautiful princesses and handsome princes; and certainly *Mirror Mirror* doesn't scrimp on any of those elements.

But rather than simply place a pantomime on the big screen director Tarsem Singh unleashes a volley of colour and visual inventiveness that makes *Mirror Mirror* a pleasing, if unsubstantial, distraction that makes for a entertaining piece of work.

Storytelling has never been Singh's forte, the arch visuals of the likes of *Immortals*, *The Cell* and *The Fall* looking gorgeous yet having very little in terms of storytelling drive.

Given the source material he's working from here, cleverly tweaked for an audience made all the more knowing by the likes of the Shrek franchis, he just about keeps the story flowing - but given that it is basic in the extreme then that is hardly the most glowing of references.

Instead the weight falls on the magical world he has created, a snowy wonderland that strikes the right balance of beauty and grittiness, throwing the characters into a hyper-stylised universe that, by Singh's standards, could be described as low-key.

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

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While the film looks gorgeous, Singh occasionally adds some beautifully stylised moments, a magical puppet attack on the dwarves hideout cleverly realised both in concept and execution, while the film has a glossy sheen that will certainly capture the eye.

Story-wise, Jason Keller and Melisa Wallack adapt the original story and add just the right level of nodding and winking, thankfully not reducing the film to pop culture references but instead playing on the conventions of the story.

The dialogue is sparky and witty, and if some characters are left a little too shapeless, it's more down to the necessity of the story rather than any shortcomings on the script.

The performances are solidly entertaining, Lily Collins' turn a little too bland, but she does manage a sparkle in the eye that, sadly, lays underdeveloped; while Armie Hammer's prince is given extra-depth by the actor's likeably game performance, skewering the dashing hero and happily playing the fool with great comedic effect.

Nathan Lane, as always, delivers a pleasing support turn, all witty asides and quips, while the dwarves manage to distinguish themselves individually while sharing a good chemistry.

The biggest pull of the film is watching Julia Roberts sink her teeth into the villainous role of the evil queen, and the actress delivers a strong turn, mixing malevolence with humour.

Her queen is an out and out villain but not one you're too willing to boo and hiss at, given how good her turn is. If Roberts is relaxing her output, as it appears she is, then the promise of more turns as playful as this one is more than welcome.

As entertaining a film as *Mirror Mirror* is, there is little weight or substance to the film; instead it simply plays as a fairytale writ large, and while innocence seems a virtue long forgotten in the cinema, it's for that very reason that *Mirror Mirror* is the fairest of them all!

VERDICT - A satisfyingly lightweight fairytale, *Mirror Mirror* is a beautifully shot film that uses Tarsem Singh's visual ability while getting strong performances from Armie Hammer and Julia Roberts.

Shorn of too much cynicism, *Mirror Mirror* is pleasing and, though insubstantial, more than watchable. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Shrek* (2001), *The Brothers Grimm* (2005)

Exploring eBay
at Barry Computer Club

MOST people have thrown something away with the thought at the back of their mind that someone, somewhere, might like to have it – but it would be impossible to find that person – and Kevin S gave us a talk on how such thoughts led to the rise of internet auction house eBay.

In 1985 a computer programmer in California offered a broken laser pointer for sale as part of an auction he wanted to try out on his own website. He called it AuctionWeb.

To his surprise, someone wanted to buy it. He contacted the buyer to be sure that he knew it was broken and the buyer said yes and that he wanted it anyway. The internet has made it possible to find the person who wants what you do not.

It resulted in the launch of eBay in 1997, as transactions were running at 200,000 a month, having grown from 250,000 for the whole of 1996. It went international in 1999 and continued to grow.

In 2010, it sold $62 billion (more than $2,000 a second). This includes a passenger vehicle every two minutes; a motorcycle every six minutes and (once) a Gulfstream Jet for $4.9 Million in 2001. In 2011, it had more than 97 million members worldwide. There are other auction sites, but eBay is the biggest and best known.

Kevin then introduced the site proper and explained how to buy and sell effectively.

He displayed the opening page of the eBay site and showed how to register as a member, but explained that if you don't want to become a member immediately, it is quite okay to look around as a guest to get the feel of how it all works.

If you want to bid on an item, or to put an item on watch to keep track of it, then you would have to sign up. This requires your name, address and email address, after which you choose a username and your password. So far, there is nothing to pay.

Once registered, you are invited to start selling or browsing the auction categories. Selling involves a charge for the eBay service, depending on the values involved and how much information you want to include, such as additional photographs.

You will know the cost before you commit to the auction. If you browse and wish to bid for something, you may do so.

Kevin offered hints and tips on how to use the site to the best advantage and fielded a range of questions. This included advice on how to describe what you are selling and to find out the correct postage costs to show the buyer.

You are expected to sign up for Paypal in due course. This is a system to ensure that the money involved changes hands securely.

All this was accompanied by a live visit to the site, together with a demonstration of how it all works.

Feedback from users is used to identify the most reliable people.

For more information call 029 20309579.

HOWARD DESMOND

College steps up overseas partnerships

Professor Masaaki Yanagida, from the Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo, visited CAVC as the WJEC has chosen the college as a centre of excellent Welsh Baccalaureate practice.

CARDIFF and Vale College, has hosted delegations from China, Japan and Libya – as part of its commitment to foster international partnerships.

March saw hospitality and catering students from a French Lycee serve a presentation lunch at the college's Vale training restaurant; the Glamorgan suite.

CAVC's international arm, Cardiff College International, has an agreement with the Beijing Space Study Service which links UK institutions with schools and colleges across China.

The delegation met with the Principal, two vice principals, the college's international business development manager, Janine Bennett, and head of adult and sixth form studies, Dr Barbara Prosser.

"We are looking to recruit students who will finish their education in China then come to the college to progress," Janine said. "Chinese students will be able to take advantage of the provision we offer including the English language courses, the international foundation programme and A Levels with a view to progressing on to higher education."

The collaboration could also include teacher exchanges and a summer learning programme. The agreement will now go to the relevant Chinese local government department for formal approval.

CAVC also welcomed Professor Masaaki Yanagida from the Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo, in a visit organised by the WJEC.

He came to the college as the WJEC has selected it as a centre of excellent Welsh Baccalaureate practice.

CAVC also hosted a delegation from the new Libyan Government that had come to learn how Welsh colleges are delivering on vocational training and engaging with employers.

Playgroup fayre and an Easter bonnet parade!

Easter bonnet winners, Jack and Holly.

KIDDIEWINKLES Playgroup were kept very busy before the Easter holidays, raising funds for new storage equipment at the Easter fayre on Tuesday, March 27.

The fayre was a huge success under Karen Jones (acting playgroup leader) and her team of helpers.

"We had plenty of games, face painting, toys and tombola along with a cake stall for everyone to enjoy. We raised a fabulous £277 and would like to say a very public thank you to all the children, parents, church members and staff who always support our fundraising efforts!" a spokesperson said.

"In the lead-up to the end of term, we also asked the children and their parents to make an Easter bonnet as part of our topic. All the bonnets were brilliant and we would like to congratulate everyone on their efforts.

"We held a little Easter parade at the end of playgroup on March 28 to show off our creations. We had two winners, Jack Pitcher aged four, and Holly Hunter, aged three."

Out and About with The GEM

RHS SHOW IS BACK!

THE RHS Show Cardiff returns to the parklands of Cardiff Castle on April 20-22 (*www.rhs.org.uk/cardiff*) **and the schools wheelbarrow competition is more popular than ever, with 60 colourful, imaginative entries.**

This year's theme is Olympic based and is entitled 'Sports and Shoots'. It brings together the creative and colourful efforts of local youngsters, thanks to ongoing support from Legal & General.

Visitors are invited to select their favourite wheelbarrow, based on visual impact, originality and colour, with gardening vouchers presented to the winning schools for first (£100), second (£75) and third (£50).

"The Cardiff show is the first in the season of RHS outdoor shows, and this year rounds off national Gardening Week, as the RHS bid to get the nation growing. The event will attract some 25,000 visitors and feature beautiful blooms from nurseries across the country, show gardens from leading Welsh talent, and advice and inspiration for the gardening season ahead," said spokesman Tim Powell.

The RHS Show Cardiff includes: Show gardens from Wales' leading designers; Launch of the Young School Gardener of the Year, part of the first National Gardening Week; Spring Allotment and Grow Your Own advice; Talks, demonstrations and expert advice from the RHS; and floral marquees with over 50 floral exhibitors plant plaza .

There are also nature trails and street entertainers with live music on the bandstand.

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What's on and where in your local area

Lib-Dem advice

WELSH Lib-Dem AM for South Wales West, Peter Black, will be holding three surgeries on Friday, April 13 in Pencoed Library from 2pm to 3pm and Porthcawl Library from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. No appointment is necessary.

Ladies choir

BARRY Ladies Choir are holding a concert at Crossway Methodist Church on Monday, April 16 at 2pm.

Tickets are £3 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

The concert is being held as a fundraising event for Age Concern Senior Health Shop and Friends and Neighbours.

Tickets available from Senior Health Shop or contact 01446 732385 or from Gay Fifield on 400044.

Valeways walks

ON Tuesday, April 17 at 1.30pm, 'Spring scenery' walk, starting at Dinas Powys Common by Twyn Cyn.

April 18:

10.30am, the Nordic walking taster led by Howell Isaac (Age Cymru) starts at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre (over-50s only).

1.45pm, the coffee shop strollers meet at Bridge Cafe, The Knap.

2pm, 'Castle and Coffin Stiles', starting at the Red Fox, Penllyn.

Visit www.valeways.org.uk for details.

Eisteddfod fundraisers

THE following fundraising events are being organised in support of the National Eisteddfod at Llandow:

April 18 **at 7pm: Curry evening organised by Quest Hair Salon at Jaipur Indian Restaurant, East Street, Llantwit Major. Choice of menu, £16; information and tickets from Quest on 01446 793563.**

April 20 **at 8.30pm: 'Half Tidy' at Sportsman's Rest, Peterston-super-Ely, light musical entertainment.**

April 28 **at 7pm: 'Twmpath' with 'Thingumijigs'. Put on your dancing shoes and join caller Ceri Platts and Thingumijigs Ceilidh band at Llantonian Hall, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major.**

Adults £4, children £2, family £10. Tickets from Eleanor (01446 751950).

Charity coffee

A CHARITY coffee morning will be held in the Lesser Hall, All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth on April 19 at1 10.30am-12 noon.

Entry 50p, to include tea or coffee. Bargains in cakes, books, plants, crafts.

Star's donations to Dogs Trust raises pounds for hounds

ON Saturday, March 31, staff at Dogs Trust Cowbridge's charity shop were greeted by queues of people eagerly waiting to buy their piece of John Barrowman.

The star of stage and screen very generously donated his own clothes and personal belongings to the shop, and so far more than £2,000 has been raised, with more still to come in.

Rhia Stankovic-Jones, the Dogs Trust Cowbridge shop manager said: "We were amazed by the extent of John's donation to the shop and are now absolutely delighted with the support his fans have shown!

"It has really translated into sales! We know he has a huge worldwide fan base but it seems Cowbridge has lots of his supporters too!

"Fans were queuing at the door to get a piece of the action – from suits he's worn on TV to household goods.

"Also, for people who were unable to get to the shop on Saturday we've put a number of items on our Ebay site which are still taking bids."

She added that one customer travelled all the way from Nottingham and spent approximately £600 in one hour on items including shirts and a Ralph Lauren hoodie!

To find out more about Dogs Trust visit www.dogstrust.org.uk

X Factor star headlines charity concert

THE 2008 X Factor finalist Daniel Evans will perform at a charity concert in aid of Bridgend Disabled FC on April 15 in the Phoenix United Reform Chapel, Bridgend.

The event starts at 3pm and will also include Approaching Danger, Colours of One and DanceManiax. There will be a raffle and an auction. Tickets are £10 adults, £5 under-16 and £20 for families. Call Kelly Hall (07817929549) or purchase at the door.

All money raised from this event will help send a team from Bridgend Disabled FC to Spain in June to play in the Catalan Cup.

This competition is being run by Spain Sportive and for the first time they are including a disabled section. Bridgend is the only Welsh team taking part.

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A gala concert will be held at 7pm on May 13 in St David's Hall, Cardiff, featuring popular songs from stage shows – to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation Cymru's Mending Broken Hearts Appeal.

Taking part are principal performers from the West End, including Lucie Jones (X Factor and Les Miserables) Chris Jacobsen (Jean Val Jean in Les Miserables, who shared the role with John Owen Jones) Kieran Brown (Wicked) and X Factor's James Williams, with a professional orchestra and Cardiff choir City Voices.

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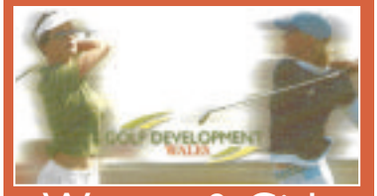

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GLAMORGAN PONY CLUB HOSTS THE PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL AWARDS

GLAMORGAN Pony Club recently held its annual awards and AGM at Cowbridge Rugby Club.

Our DC, Annie Whitehouse, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our President Mike Gibbon MFH, who compered the evening.

This year we welcomed back local trainer Tim Vaughan. He began by talking about how he first became involved in Pony Club and represented them at some of the biggest competitions in Britain.

We were very grateful that Tim gave us his valuable time to come and present our certificates and Cups.

Glamorgan Pony Club had another successful year competing at the various disciplines around the south Wales area and in England.

At the Horse and Pony Care Competition, held at the Pontcanna Riding school, we had three teams, all of whom were competing for the first time,

They were: Caitlin Jones, Izzy Kennedy, Genevieve Kirk, Evie Vaughan Jones, Chloe Watkins, Nina Revera, Nonni Medlicott, Ellie Thorne and Victoria Shaw.

The area eventing was held at Sapey in Worcestershire and we had two teams: novice: Ellie Dix, Alice Pembridge, Bethany Jarvis, Evie Vaughan Jones; both Ellie and Evie were placed sixth as individuals.

Pre-novice: Zoe Hughes, Sean Way, Genevieve Kirk, Izzy Kennedy; Zoe was individually fourth and the team were also fourth.

The area tetrathlon was held in July with one team and one individual taking part: minis: Genevieve Kirk, Sanant Callow, Victoria Shaw; team fifth overall, and Genevieve fourth individually. Juniors: Ela Callow in sixth placed team of three.

Show jumping was held at Chepstow Racecourse and we had two teams in the novice competition: Ellie Dix, Ellie Thorne, Evie Vaughan Jones, Zoe Hughes.

The team came third overall with Zoe placed third as an individual and qualified for the National Championships.

There was also a 'tack and turnout' competition held for the teams, with this team finishing first.

Our other novice team was made up of Alice Pembridge, Sean Way and Genevieve Kirk.

In area dressage, we entered two novice teams and one individual in the open: Evie Vaughan Jones, Zoe Hughes and Nonni Medlicott.

This team finished third overall, with individual places for Zoe in second, Evie third and Nonni ninth. Zoe qualified for the National Championships.

Our other team was Ellie Dix, Alice Pembridge, Sean Way; Sean was placed 10th as an individual.

Emma Lockwood was placed first as an individual and qualified for the National Championships.

We are very proud of Zoe Hughes who represented Glamorgan Pony club at the novice championships at both dressage and show jumping. Also to Emma Lockwood for representing the club at the open dressage Championships, finishing 11th; both girls did us proud.

Within the structure of Pony Club there are various tests that can be taken to improve the knowledge and safety of our members.

The following passed their Riding and Road Safety: Maisie Beech, Evie Vaughan Jones, Nina Revera, Genevieve Kirk, Chloe Watkins and those passing their BHS Riding and Road Safety were Nina Revera, Genevieve Kirk, Ela Callowa and Chloe Watkins.

Two of our members passed the difficult B test this year; Bethan Allman and Bethany Jarvis.

Just before the presentation of Cups Fiona Martyn, on behalf of Glamorgan Hunt, presented Ellie Dix with the junior hunting cup for her endeavours during the season.

We then went onto present the Cups for the year: 12 and under attendance went to Josie Dix, with runner-up Emily Reynolds; in joint third were Branwen Clay, Beth Crockford and Owen John.

The most improved rider went to Branwen Clay for the under-12s and Genevieve Kirk for the older members.

The hunter trial cup went to Izzy Kennedy on Lucy, tack and turn out for the year went to Maisie Beech, while the rider who represented Pony Club the most times was Zoe Hughes.

We cater for all abilities and ages, so if you would like to join us please come along on any term time Wednesday evening at Spring Meadows, Llandow, from 5.30pm-9.15pm.

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National Pet Month
2012
7th April to 7th May

NATIONAL PET MONTH PROMOTES RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS

Tommy Trousers.

FROM now until May 7, people are invited to be a part of National Pet Month.

Thousands of owners throughout the UK are celebrating the special affinity they have with their pets, highlighting responsible ownership and raising money for the charity in fun-filled events.

National Pet Month also wants to raise awareness of the value of working and companion animals.

True animal lovers are keen to see their pets enjoy happy lives, and pet month is an opportunity to support a 'pet partnership' across the nation.

A spokeswoman explained: "National Pet Month is a registered charity, which brings together animal welfare charities, professional bodies, pet businesses, schools, youth groups and pet lovers, with the common goal of improving the welfare of pets.

"The trustees are National Office of Animal Health (NOAH), Pet Food Manufacturers' Association (PFMA) and Pet Care Trust (PCT).

"So how can you help? First of all, you can become a supporter. This will keep you up-to-date with our activities and you will get a free events pack."

Anyone wanting to find out more about running events for National Pet Month can also check out the details explaining how to put on an event. For that, please go to www.nationalpetmonth.org.uk.

As you can see from these pictures of GEM staff members' pets, an animal can play an important part in your life!

Walter and Gracie.

Grey.

Rex.

Happy 18th birthday, Oscar!

Cymba.

Mum and daughter head up a new business venture

AFTER 18 years running a successful horse riding school in the Vale of Glamorgan, Sue Bater has set up Stable Cottage Rug Wash, Llantrithyd, an equine rug wash and repair service, and handed over the reins to her 19-year-old daughter.

Sue, who formerly set up and ran the equine department at Pencoed College, said: "The idea for the business came about from me wanting to find a different way of working in the equine business and my daughter Alyson wanting to stay in the area.

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Thanks for all cards, flowers and gifts, which I will treasure.

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Club says farewell to Sensei Richard

BARRY Kyokushin Karate Club has been run and managed by Sensei Richard Males for over three decades.

Now, due to an accumulation of health issues and with great sadness, Sensei Richard has retired as chief instructor of the Barry club, giving rise to Senpai Phill Sedgmond, one of Sensei Richard's longest-serving students.

Sensei Richard said: "I have had a rollercoaster ride with Barry Kyokushin, seeing the great achievements by its members and delivering the message and spirit of Kyokushin Karate.

"I wish Senpai Phill the best of luck and I know that he will take Barry Kyokushin on to greater things."

Over the past 34 years Sensei Richard has represented Wales seven times both nationally and internationally in full contact tournaments.

In his younger days, Sensei Richard achieved second place twice in the Welsh Open full Contact Championships and took part in four waterfall training camps.

Sensei Richard and his club have raised over £7,000 for local charities.

Senpai Phill commented: "I'm really looking forward to taking on the Barry club. Filling the shoes of Sensei Richard is a mammoth task, but I have trained under Sensei Richard for over 15 years and I understand everything that he was trying to do."

PS

ABOVE: Sensei Richard with Senpai Phill.

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A team of girls from Stanwell School in Penarth is celebrating after winning a national badminton competition organised in partnership by the innovative 5x60 scheme and Badminton Wales.

After storming their way through county and regional rounds of the competition, the girls took on schools from across Wales in a series of singles and doubles matches in Newtown, with the team of four – Megan Lim, Grace Samuel, Sophie Eggerstrom and Tatum Nurse – emerging victorious.

It was nearly a double success for the Vale, as a team from Cowbridge Comprehensive School were narrowly defeated into the runners-up spot in the boys' competition.

The team – Sam Stewart, Matthew Reynolds, Josh Evans and Finn Murphy – all played superbly well and lost their final deciding match by a dramatic 15-14 scoreline against Ysgol Friars from Bangor.

The competition featured year-7 and 8 pupils whose talents were unearthed during lunchtime and after-school sports sessions run by the 5x60 scheme.

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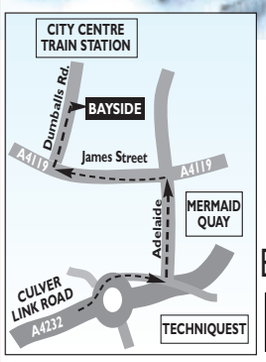

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Barry Seconds are well beaten by Pontyclun

BARRY Seconds looked to put their recent disappointing string of results behind them with a tough away trip to Pontyclun on a cold spring afternoon.

The opening omens were not good, as Joel Williams went off with a blood injury almost seconds into the contest, with Chow his temporary replacement.

Fortunately, Williams was able to carry on at his new position of fly-half, as he answered his critics by moving the ball out to his centres quickly.

With one such move Ethan Dix, himself another late call-up, broke the Pontyclun line with a strong run.

The ball was quickly recycled to Adam Lee, who ran a good line from full-back, and he grounded between the posts for the first score. He was, however, unsuccessful with the conversion.

The Barry scrum was proving dominant, as the power of Lundy, Bowditch and Elsworth proved too much for the home side.

An infringement at the set piece by Pontyclun gave Lee a penalty opportunity to extend the lead, which he duly accepted.

Against the run of play, however, the home side got back into the game with a converted try, taking advantage of Lee Jones' time in the blood bin to make the score 7-8.

Barry came back strongly, with Lee's boot giving them territory at every opportunity. The debutants Scott and Vidal were destructive at the breakdown, emerging frequently with turnover ball which the backs then utilised.

There was also a marked improvement in the ball-carrying department, with the heavy forwards punching holes frequently in the home defence.

Notable mentions go to Elsworth, Rolfe, and particularly Vidal. There was also more cohesion with the back division, with Dix and Tom Poole especially effective.

Lee further extended the Barry lead with another well-struck penalty, before the away side's late flurry in the half saw them stopped short of the line again, this time via McCann, whilst Lee pulled another attempt at three points wide.

With the elements against them in the second half, it was a very different story for the away side. Pontyclun brought on replacements who made impact, especially with the momentum behind them.

They managed to gain the upper hand in the tight, despite the best efforts of Jones, Vidal, Hitchcock and invariably Scott, who seemed everywhere.

With constant pressure applied to the Barry line, the home side finally scored to go into the lead.

Pontyclun further increased their advantage when Barry were briefly down to 14 men as Scott received treatment, and with that the away side found themselves two scores down.

In a desperate attempt the green-and-whites pushed forward, but all too often the wrong option was taken and the chance was gone.

Instead, the home side had the last try to give the scoreline an unbalanced 26-11 look at the final whistle.

Team: Lee; Poole, Dix, Hewitson, Evans; McCann, Williams; Lundy, Bowditch, Elsworth; Vidal, Tobin; Jones, Scott, Rolfe (c). Subs used: Houldey, Hitchcock, Chow.

Man-of-the-match: Scott.

KC

VALE WIN THROUGH TO 'THOMAS' FINAL

The Vale District welcomed Eryri Schools District to their home ground to compete in the semi-final of the DC Thomas Cup.

The Vale started well, receiving from the kick-off and driving down the centre of the field with some excellent work from Tom Jac, Ruben Williams, Jac Liitle and Ben Jones.

This was the pattern for the first 10 minutes then Eryri broke into the home side's half with an interception, and it was their turn to show their handling skills.

Cai Lloyd at hooker had one of his best games for the Vale, winning several scrums against the head and with quick ball from scrum half Ioan William and fly half Evan Thomas Aaron Arthur was set free, terrorising the visitors' defensive line.

After almost 20 minutes Aaron Arthur passed his opposite centre to off-load to Mikey Bosley, who copied the skill to pass the cover defence to open the scoring.

In the second half the Vale were throwing everything into attack. The away rule meant a draw sent Eryri through to the final at the Millennium Stadium.

With just eight minutes to go Mikey Bosley rushed up on an Eryri attacking move to unsettle the attacker and take the ball from him, spinning out of the challenge he straightened up, cut back inside and ran in the length of the half to put the ball under the post.

12-0 ahead the Vale settled and started to take full control of the game, attacking constantly within the visitors' 22.

In desperation Eryri had no option but to kick out of defence. Barney Langdon had dropped back to pick up the ball and he quickly broke around the chasing group to out pace them and squeeze in to the corner.

A fantastic win with a great performance from the whole team, but special mention must go to Cai Lloyd, Aaron Arthur, Iwan Hadfeild, Barney Langdon and man-of-the-match Mikey Bosley.

Congratulations to the coaches Mr Motram and Mr Golding for what must be a fantastic reward for all their hard work throughout the season.

A well-deserved win by the Vale pits them against Pontypool under-11s in the final to be held as the curtain raiser at the Millennium Stadium on Swalec Cup Final day.

Vale of Glamorgan Squad 2011-2012: Mikey Bosley, Ben Jones, Owen Darlucia, Barty Jones-Norton, Lewis Hawk, Lewis Bumford, Daniel Hicks, Jack Dixon, Ellis Smit,Ewan Griffiths, Ruben Williams, Luke Connor, Ben Batten, Louis Harris, Cai Lloyd, Iwan Hadfield, Evan Thomas, James Rees, Thomas Jac, Barney Langdon, Joseph Jones, Ioan Williams, Jamie Howells, Jac Little, Wil Parsons, Aaron Arthur.

MB

The Bombettes blown away by the Ravens

THE long-awaited return local derby between Barry ladies and the Ravens took place at Barry Boys school, Ravens' home pitch, in front of a large crowd.

Both teams showed great resolve and tore into each other. The Bombettes had the best of the opening moments, with No9 Bannister linking well with her forwards and backs.

However, when No10 K Jones cleared her 22 with a well-placed kick, the ball bounced the wrong way, up into the grateful hands of the Ravens full back. She showed her lightning pace and rounded the desperate Barry defence to score, which she duly converted.

Barry's players responded well and drove deep into the Ravens' half, with Richards and Cahill carrying the ball strongly. It looked odds on for a Barry score until the ball was knocked forward. Ravens cleared their lines and started exerting pressure and from a quick tap penalty they scored their second try.

Debut winger Dixon had to be replaced early on by Waller, and the new girl relished using her pace in attack and defence alike.

The Ravens scored again in the first half against the run of play which was converted. Barry continued to play rugby and Bannister made a lovely line break and sprinted into the Ravens half, only to knock on as she tried to pass the ball.

Barry started the second half with expectation of a fight back but Ravens scored early on, which virtually killed the game off.

Barry showed great resolve and continued battling, with K Jones, Richards and Waller cutting holes in the Ravens defence.

In the heat the whole bench were used after No15 Hill picked up a wrist injury and Garner-Joel a 'stinger' shoulder injury.

Eidmans Ford made her comeback, replacing Morgan, with Northcott going into the second row. B Jones came on to the left wing but could do nothing to stop the sniping Ravens No9 scoring, and other Ravens tries came and went.

The management would like to congratulate all our players, several of whom were playing in un-accustomed positions, for battling to the end.

Not one head went down, which shows the resolve this team has. Special mention must go to prop Richards for her numerous carries and J Jones playing on the flank.

Barry's woman of the match was Richards and Seaview chose K Jones

Team: Hill, Nation, Yapp, Williams, K Jones, Dixon, Bannister, Boffy (C), Garner-Joel, J Jones, Cahill, Morgan, Richards, Philips, Horne, Northcott, Waller, B Jones and Eidmans Ford.

AM

Try tennis at club's open day

Barry Tennis Club is looking to follow up its most successful season ever with a call for women players to join its teams and for everyone to have a go at tennis.

The club is marking the start of a new season with an Open Day on Saturday April 21 from 1.30pm where everyone is welcome to try out the club's facilities.

There will be special 'Rusty Rackets' sessions from 6.30pm on the evenings of Tuesday April 24, Wednesday April 25, Tuesday May 1 and Wednesday May 2.

Monday and Thursday evenings are scheduled during the spring and summer for social tennis, where all members enjoy mixing in to play with different partners.

Veterans tennis is also organized for mid-week mornings throughout the summer.

The coaching programme is suitable for all abilities and features both classes and individual coaching by a professional coach to help improve your game.

As part of its commitment to encouraging new, young talent, Barry Tennis Club is offering on Sunday mornings a range of coaching programmes for young players.

Last year Barry Tennis Club enjoyed one of its most successful seasons ever with its Men's team picking up the national title and other teams winning regional prizes, as well as nurturing some of Wales' top young talent, and more people coming along to have a go at tennis.

For further details about Barry Tennis Club please call 07836 758954 or e mail: Huddn@live.co.uk or visit the Club's web site at www.barrytennis.co.uk.

Commenting on the new season launch, club chairman Harry Emery said: "We are aiming to build upon last year's success. We welcome new members – the good, the bad, and the rusty - as we are committed to enabling all ages and levels to play, enjoy and improve their game. We would welcome more women players to come along and join our teams."

AG

Matt's marathon effort for injured heroes

VALE Council rugby development officer Matt Silva is currently putting in the miles ready to run the London Marathon later this month.

Matt Silva.

Matt is looking for sponsors to help him raise money for rugby players in Wales who have suffered serious injuries while playing the sport.

He will be running in aid of The Welsh Charitable Trust, and said: "Unfortunately, every year there are a number of players at all levels of the sport across the country who suffer serious injuries while playing the game we love. If you could please spare any change to help support this worthwhile charity that would be fantastic."

There are currently 20 former players who are permanently confined to wheelchairs as a result of accidents on the field of play.

The Welsh Charitable Trust has, over the years, provided cars, wheelchairs (both electric and manual), hoists, adaptations to homes, scholarships and anything that can make the lives of injured players more comfortable.

You can support Matt's marathon efforts by visiting his fundraising page at: http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/mattsilva.

Local swimmers impress at event

BARRY Amateur Swimming Club recently participated in the Tiger Bay Open Swim Meet which was held in Cardiff International Pool.

ABOVE: Jacob Davies (left) and Luke Birnage.

With teams from as far afield as Liverpool, Aberystwyth, Wycombe, St Ives, Fishguard and Wolverhampton attending, the competition was going to be strong and difficult for any swimmer to achieve a gold, silver or bronze medal.

In all Barry ASC had 10 swimmers participating, ranging from some of the more recent members of the club to the more experienced. Each swimmer did themselves proud, setting numerous personal bests, producing fabulous performances and showing great progress in their swimming ability.

Barry ASC swimmers took six medals and just missed out on several more. The medal winners were: Luke Birnage – taking an incredible four medals – silver and three bronze – from the five events he entered, Jacob Davies – taking bronze, and Bethan Williams – also taking a bronze.

Jacob Davies (10) started the weekend off on a high note, taking bronze in the 50m front crawl and improving his personal best by over 3 seconds.

Bethan Williams (11) was next up for Barry, finishing fifth in the 50m backstroke and just missing out on a medal. Bethan then proceed to finish 12th in the 100m freestyle, and third in 50m fly to take bronze, sixth in the 200 IM, again narrowly missing a medal, and finally ninth in the 100m breaststroke, setting personal bests in every event.

Ffion Vickers (13) competed in the 50m back, 100m free, 50m fly, 50m free and 200m back, with the highlight being an improvement of over nine seconds in the 200m back and setting personal bests in most of the other events.

Amy McAndrew (12) continued the setting trend when competing in the 50m back, 100m free, 50m fly and 100m breaststroke, improving her back and fly events by over two seconds.

Llinos Goodland (12) showed continued improvement in her ability while participating in the 50m back, 50m breaststroke and 50m free, improving in the free by two seconds

Ffion Goodland (14) was not to be outdone by her younger sister, entering a large number of events – 50m back, 400m free, 200m IM, 100m breaststroke, 50m free, 50m breaststroke and 200m breaststroke.

Ffion's aptitude to the longer distance events again shone through with not many swimmers having the stamina or courage to compete in the 400m free and 200m IM within a short time of each other.

Iestwyn Perkins (9) stepped up to the mark and performed remarkably well considering his experience and time at Barry ASC.

Iestwyn competed in the 200m back, 200m breaststroke and 100m breaststroke, taking large chunks of time off his personal bests, improving by a massive 20 seconds in the 200m back and nine seconds in the 100m breaststroke.

Jonathan Bowden (15), Barry ASC vice captain, entered the 200m free and 100m fly, finishing a very creditable 10th in the fly and taking 15 seconds off his free personal best.

Shaun Bowden (11) entered the 100m fly and narrowly missed out on a medal to finish fourth and the 50m breast to finish fifth, again just outside the medals.

Thomas Pugh (9), one of Barry ASC's junior members, took the opportunity to race in the 100m breaststroke and produced a great performance to finish 11th and take 22 seconds off his personal best.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club is always looking for new members so if you would like a trial, please phone Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784.

We swim at Barry Leisure Centre on Monday, Friday and Sunday and Cardiff International Pool on Monday and Thursday. For more information look on: barryasc.org.uk and Facebook: Barry ASC.

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Stags warm up for new season

A BARRY ATHLETIC XI, captained by Simon Phillips, romped home to a six-wicket home win over the 'Growlers' of Pentwyn at the Barry Oval.

The match was dominated by Steve Provis, who fought the injury barrier to score a fantastic 102 not out in just 68 balls to see the Stags home.

After winning the toss and choosing to bowl first, the Stags looked in fine touch. Steve Jones and Dafydd Frost both staked their claims for regular selection with a fine combination of swing and seam bowling, taking wickets for fun to leave the visitors struggling on 36–4 from 11 overs.

The Stags fought well up to the drinks break, until the Growlers came out fighting. Owen and Rosser both showed a fine bit of aggressive batting and with a hint of luck in places, managed to help the visitors up to 159 all out.

The potential headline could have been taken by Gavin White, had he not been bowled early on by Harris for 14.

White had joined the Stags from Pentwyn back in June 2011, and this could have been the perfect response to the travelling fans' jeers.

The visitors' tails were up after that wicket and in addition to the wicket of the ever-dangerous Rhett Jones, the Growlers were on course to claim an unlikely victory.

However, these hopes were diminished after a fine partnership of 94 between Ian Gadd and Steve Provis. Both batsmen looked in fine form and after a much-needed bat change, Provis secured the win after retiring on 102 runs; a fine effort from the Stag which was greeted by a standing ovation as he walked back to the pavilion.

It was only a matter of time until the win was in the bag and a fine drive down the ground from Gadd secured it, with over 15 overs left of the innings.

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Welsh Petanque competition makes for a thrilling day

The petanque season opened on March 25 with clubs in the Welsh Petanque Association taking part in qualifiers for the very first European Championship for veterans (55+).

The competition was held at Wenvoe PC, on a very warm and sunny Sunday. 12 mixed teams competed from Cardiff, Penarth, Llantrisant, Monmouth, Wenvoe, Caerleon and Llanhennock in Gwent.

Teams were divided into three pools to play in the morning to gain a place in the main and plate competitions.

The semi-finals of the plate competition saw "Young Wenvoe" beating the "Young Ones" from Penarth PC 13-12; Penarth fought back with their team "Alf and Alf" beating "Monkstone Mix" from Monkstone PC in Cardiff 13-6; and the play-off between "Alf and Alf" (Roger Martin, David Rapley and Colin Scott) and "Young Wenvoe" (Mike Coleman, Roger Bryce and Tony Jellings) saw "Young Wenvoe" take the title with a 13-11 win.

The teams getting to the semi-finals of the main competition were the "Barnstone Juniors" from Llantrisant, who beat "Saga United" from Wenvoe and Llanennock 13 -7; and the "Marauders" from Monkstone PC in Roath who lost narrowly to "Never Say Never" from Caerleon and Monkstone Inn 12-13.

The final was then between Tony Smith, Graham Attfield and Mike Brown of "Wenvoe Juniors" who took the title against "Never Say Never", comprising Stuart Spencer, Peter Beresford and Kon Tomczyk by beating them 13-3.

Congratulations to all teams who took part to make the day a resounding success. The next competition to be held by the WPA will be the first of the Grand Prix Series to be held at Monkstone Pentanque Club, based at the Pen-y-Lan club in Roath.

For further details please visit our website: www.welshpetanque.org.uk.

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Taster sessions at golf club

SOUTHERNDOWN Golf Club is organising free taster sessions aimed at female golfers.

The sessions will be on April 24 and April 28 at Southerndown, and the club professional, John Peters, will be on hand to introduce beginners to the game.

To coincide with this, the club has started a 'beginner golfing scheme' – designed to let people see whether the game appeals to them.

A club spokesman said: "Our adult male membership list is actually full at the moment, but for women and younger members we do still have vacancies.

The club is proud of its panoramic views across south Wales, and is set on a rare limestone heath which drains quickly and is dry underfoot – playable for golf all the year round.

For more details, contact John on 01656 881112 – or visit: www.southerndowngolfclub.com.

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WHAT is Great Britain famous for? Entrepreneurs like Sir Richard Branson and Sir Philip Green, great musicians like Sir Paul McCartney, footballers and the Royal family.

If asked that question 25 years ago, I would have included car manufacturing, too.

However, while the UK is still among the best at it, there are sadly few, if any, entirely British-owned brands, and therefore in my book I don't feel we can claim this field as our own.

Yes, I know that Nissan, Ford, Jaguar Land Rover, Rolls Royce and Bentley all build cars here but they're foreign owned.

That small point is quickly forgotten, though, when you're fortunate enough to be entrusted with the Bentley Continental GT Coupe Cabriolet 6.0 W12.

It's a massive responsibility to look after something that currently costs more than the house I live in. Needless to say I worry about leaving it alone, just in the same way that I do with my precious baby daughter, Harriett.

This remains in the back of your mind at all times. But it does not take away the sheer joy that comes in savouring the beautifully sculpted cabriolet, on experiencing the roof dropping and on hearing the note of the engine as it bursts into life.

The quality of materials both inside and out are the best man can buy, and it is very pleasing to know that all Bentley vehicles are still manufactured in Crewe, Cheshire, even though Germany-based VW is in charge.

On first acquaintance, after regaining a modicum of self-control and sobriety, it is necessary to load Harriett's Mothercare Oyster pushchair into the boot.

Simply press the boot function on the £200 luxury Bentley key fob and watch the lid effortlessly open. The compact pushchair fits snuggly inside. Push the 'close boot' button inside the boot lid and it automatically shuts.

How the other half live, but then their energies are better spent in monitoring share prices or some other such intelligent activity.

Irritatingly though, the rear seats are not large enough for adults, and while Harriett's baby seat fits, my wife's front seat has to be far forward, meaning that it's not as comfy as it could be for Caroline.

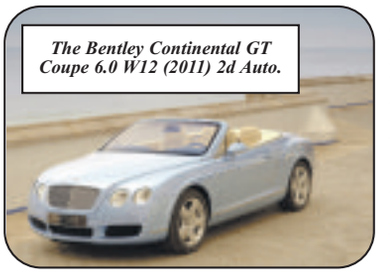
On opening the large and chunky door the driver slides into the most comfortable seat imaginable, finished in hand-stitched leather – an incredibly opulent environment.

In comparison to say, a Skoda Superb, it is clearly noticeable how supportive the Bentley's front massage seats are, particularly for the lower back.

Leather seats can get sticky on a hot day and the Bentley's incorporate a useful cold function (and they can be heated, too).

The front seats intelligently recognise when they're occupied and cleverly offer up the seatbelts, saving passengers from painfully stretching backwards to reach, as is so often the way in cabriolets.

The dash is finished in highly varnished Tamo ash wood with lashings of chrome. Sunglasses can be kept in the ash-covered Breitling case in the centre, and there's a complimentary Breitling clock, too.



The Bentley Continental GT Coupe 6.0 W12 (2011) 2d Auto.

There is a traditional ignition and a push start giving the driver choice. One qualm is that the ignition key resides to the far right of the dashboard close to the driver's window. An ideal location for a thief to pocket them at the traffic lights when the hood or windows are down.

It is an absolute joy, though, to hear the gravelly tone of the six-litre W12 engine, which sounds like a highly refined racing car, and it doesn't disappoint, if anything exceeding expectations.

The driver must respect this exquisitely-engineered vehicle because press that accelerator too eagerly and you will lose control.

Few cars will reach 0-60mph in 4.4 seconds and have a top speed of 198mph. Its abilities can be partially experienced pulling off a roundabout with a clear run ahead.

Just push the accelerator down and be prepared to be stunned.

The smooth responsive six speed auto is easy to use while there are paddleshifts for those wanting to drive like a manual. The force experienced isn't dissimilar to that felt when taking off in an aircraft.

This is further enhanced by the hard, sporty ride and the accompanying wind when the roof is down. There's even a neck warmer making it possible to drive topless in the coldest of climes.

Helpfully, the roof can rise or drop at speeds of up to 20mph. When it's up you would be forgiven for thinking that you were in a luxury saloon, it's so quiet.

A wide vehicle, it makes a better motorway cruiser than a country lane crawler. Handling is exemplary, though. Unsurprisingly, famous Bentley Continental GT owners have included Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard.

Parkers, the car experts, say: "Any fears that new owner Volkswagen wasn't going to deliver a proper Bentley with its first model in charge were instantly dismissed with the arrival of the Continental GT. This opulent coupé offers real 200mph performance. The four-wheel drive chassis and W12 engine are actually shared with the Phaeton, Volkswagen's attempt at a BMW 7-series rivalling saloon, but the two cars are certainly not clones."

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Barry RFC push league leaders... but come up short

A sombre atmosphere pervaded the Reservoir Field last Saturday. Both teams and supporters observed a one-minute silence to remember a club stalwart who passed away last week.

Herman Cahill, who was captain from 1954 to 1956, was both an outstanding player and loyal servant of the club: his presence will be sorely missed.

Top of the division Porth Quins were the visitors last Saturday and they were obviously keen to guarantee promotion at the earliest opportunity.

Barry were first into their stride with a penalty attempt from halfway, which was only slightly off the mark.

Porth then began a period of ascendency, making the most of the twin advantages of wind and slope.

They opened their account with a well-struck penalty.

Barry hit back with some powerful work by the back row of Parker, Poole and McTavish, which resulted in a penalty opportunity.

The chance to even the scores was easily taken by Ryan.

After 20 minutes, the visitors pulled clear with a close-range try, which was converted.

BARRY RFC	**11**
PORTH QUINS RFC	**28**

Barry were finding difficulty in coming to terms with the referee's interpretation of the law governing the breakdown and a stream of penalties against them ensued.

Porth eventually benefitted from this situation with another penalty success.

The home team stuck to their task well and were rewarded for their efforts with a good penalty kick following the issue of a yellow card to one of the Porth back row.

The first half closed with the visiting pack driving relentlessly on the Barry line.

To their credit the Barry defence stood firm until the whistle sounded.

Barry started the second period with good intent but, aided by some odd refereeing and superior height and bulk, their opponents confirmed their league standing by adding a further try.

However, Barry kept their heads up, despite a further score against them after 15 minutes.

As with last week, Barry then scored the try of the match. It started with some good foraging work by McTavish, Deguara and Gallivan.

The backs then swept downfield for Adams to crash over near the corner flag.

The play then swept from end to end but it was the visiting pack which demonstrated prowess with driving mauls.

They had their just reward with a close-range try, the conversion attempt being the last action of the match.

Absentees and injuries had disrupted Barry's team selection, but all those who played did so with endless determination, enthusiasm and commitment.

It is also very heartening to report that no ground was lost by arguing with the referee and that discipline was the order of the day.

Barry: Rhys O'Sullivan, Alun Evans, Hollister, Gill, Degaura, Parker, Poole, McTavish, Gallivan, Richard O'Sullivan, Alex Evans, Jones, Busitill (c), Chucas, Ryan. Subs: Hoskins, Luke O'Sullivan, Brown, Adams.

This Saturday Barry travel to Pontycymmer. Kick-off 2.30pm.

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Karate club gets new mats

A G ADAMS Funeral Directors in Barry have helped a local karate dojo to raise funds to buy special safety mats.

The funeral home bought 10 of the red and blue safety mats, and provided a 'limousine for the day' as a prize to assist with their fundraising.

The lucky winner was taken to Bristol for a special evening, and was collected the next day.

The Vale Karate Dojo has classes on each weekday except Thursday and Sunday and is in The Hub on Gladstone Road in Barry.

In the picture with the children, sat on their new mats, are Robert Fouracre and Alan Pacey from the funeral home.

They were invited to a training session to see for themselves how important these mats are for the children's safety while at the dojo.

Imps under-16s through to Cup final

CADOXTON Imps under-16s recently fought their way to a Jenner Park showdown with Llantwit Major.

Having been drawn in a very tough group with the Dinas sides and a very strong Sully outfit The Imps knew they had to be at their best if they were to progress to the semi-finals.

An impressive three wins out of three and no goals conceded led to a tough local derby semi-final with last years' finalists and always impressive Holton Road.

The match was played at Rhoose and as most meetings over the years was a tense, tight affair with both teams going at each other relentlessly, but no real pattern of football being played.

Holton came closest in the early stages from a close-range header but the ever-brilliant Sam Rees Davies in goals pulled off a stunning save on the line.

The defence were as solid as ever with outstanding performances from Tom Dyball, Louis Burrows, Gage Waller and Jo Walsh, who have all been incredible this season.

The Imps edged their way back into the game and thanks to tireless work from the two excellent central midfielders, Ashley Cottle and Izaak Farrag, started to create chances, but Holton were also defending well, keeping goal chances to a minimum.

The superb Imps wingers, Dan Morgan and Ben Pearce, started to see more of the ball during the second half and became more influential as the game went on.

The Imps then needed to make some tactical changes, the always inspirational Kieron Thomas, the solid Jacob Burgess and the pacey, highly skilful duo of Kieron Ashton and Billy Gratton introduced.

With neither side able to break down the other it took a long ball from Izaak, which looped over the Holton 'keeper, to break the deadlock late on and secure Imps' place in the final with great scenes of elation at the final whistle from all involved with the team.

The under-16s final takes place at Jenner Park on Sunday May 6, kick off at 1.15pm with all welcome.

A massive well done and congratulations to Alan and the under-12s team on their recent Cup final win over Sully.

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Dinas Powys edge a five-goal thriller

TWICE Dinas were behind in this game but a strong second-half performance saw them collect all three points.

DINAS POWYS	**3**
CALDICOT TOWN	**2**

A couple of minutes into the game Steffan Davies set up a chance for Gareth Tedstone but his shot was just wide of the post.

It was the visitors who took an early lead from a David Lloyd free-kick after just five minutes, the imposing figure of Mitchell Slape headed downwards and when the 'keeper couldn't hold on to the ball Nick Bright was on hand to head in from close range.

Dinas' reply came from a Keiron Harman header that 'keeper Gareth Williams held, but he could only stand and watch as Robbie Fowler connected well with a Steffan Davies cross to rifle the ball high into the net from 12 yards to level the score.

Competition in midfield was intense with neither side willing to give an inch but once again it was the visitors who took the lead on 40 minutes when a Caldicot attack down the right ended with a good cross to the near post.

Mitchell Slape managed to stick out a long leg to get a touch to the ball ahead of Dave Penikett, the ball rolling into the back of the net to give them the advantage they may have just about deserved.

Caldicot were then grateful to keeper Gareth Williams who did well to block Gareth Tedstone's shot when he had been played through following excellent work from Richard Yarr and Liam Jeremy to keep their lead intact at half-time.

Dinas set about the task of wresting the initiative from a strong Caldicot side with Adam Raymond and Steffan Davies starting to get the better of midfield.

When Davies forced a corner on the right Raymond's cross gave Robbie Fowler a heading opportunity, his effort cleared off the line.

Manager Mark Dunford brought on Mathew Trottman and changed the system, playing just three at the back, with Dinas stepping up the pressure, but many attacks were being stopped by the visitors' offside game, when they did get through Richard Yarr was unfortunate to once again see a shot cleared off the line.

When the visitors did get forward Slape headed a free-kick over the crossbar from close range. Dinas got a deserved equaliser 30 minutes into the half.

Liam Jeremy played in substitute Mathew Trottman, he made headway before crossing low into the area, it seemed to be behind Gareth Tedstone but he managed to somehow get his foot to the ball and guide it into the net from six yards.

Richard Yarr had a 25-yard shot deflected for a corner before Liam Jeremy's excellent ball on half-way enabled Steffan Davies to beat the Caldicot offside trap.

Davies knocked the ball past the 'keeper, who had rushed a long way from goal, and just had to follow it into the net to give Dinas the lead for the first time in the game.

Dinas played out the final 10 minutes to hold onto the points that in the end they deserved for a never-say-die performance.

No game next week but Dinas entertain Monmouth Town, who are top of the league, the following Saturday and look forward to giving them a testing time at The Murch.

Squad: 1 Damian Lack, 2 Steve Provis, 3 Keiron Harman, 4 Mike Lewis, 5 Dave Penikett(c), 6 Adam Raymond, 7 Robbie Fowler(1), 8 Richard Yarr, 9 Steffan Davies(1), 10 Gareth Tedstone(1), 11 Liam Jeremy, 12 Chris Lewis, 14 Mathew Trottman, 15 Barrie Parker, 16 Mark Dunford.

Next game: Welsh League Division Two, Saturday April 21, Dinas Powys v Monmouth; kick off 2:30pm.

For further news and fixtures see the club's website: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk.

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If you cannot attend on April 21 and are interested in joining us you can always contact the club's secretaries: for ladies you can contact Mrs J Morgan on 01446 412976 and for men contact Mr G Thomas on 01446 406111.

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